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Welcome

It is good to have you at Fort Rucker, Ala., the Home of Army Aviation. We know you'll enjoy the unique sights and sounds of Southeast Alabama.

We take great pride in the Army Aviation Center of Excellence. It's an excellent place to live and work, and we've received our fair share of Installation of Excellence awards.

There's a lot of old-fashioned Southern hospitality on post as well as in the friendly neighboring communities.

Get to know the Wiregrass area and the wonderful recreational opportunities available in this unique region.

Army Family Covenant

We know that the strength of our Soldiers comes from the strength of their Families and the Fort Rucker command is committed to providing Families a strong, supportive environment where they can thrive.

In establishing this covenant, the Army has committed funds and support in the areas that mean the most to Families. The Dept. of Defense has increased the budget for Army Families from 100 million dollars to 1.4 billion. During these stressful times, the command understands that if Soldiers feel their Families are taken care of, they are more focused and better prepared to carry out their mission.

Here at Fort Rucker, this covenant has allowed us to increase our Child Development Center's capacity by 10 infant spaces and improve the overall staffing in the Child Development Center.

Our Residential Communities Initiative (RCI) has already brought much needed improvements to our housing. Our new homes have increased the square footage from an average of 1,200 to 2,000, even providing office space, something the old homes did not have.

Since privatization began in April of 2006 our RCI partner, Picerne Military Housing, has completed nearly 500 minor home renovations, nearly 80 major renovations and about 100 new homes. Our very first neighborhood center in Allen Heights should be completed in 2009.

A new housing area, Silver Wings, adjacent to our Silver Wings Golf Course (SWGC), broke ground in November 2008. The SWGC's pro shop and Divots Restaurant and Grille also underwent a significant facelift during 2008, offering an upscale resort-like atmosphere.

A number of capital improvements will be completed this year at the post Equestrian Center, Lake Tholocco Marina and Aviators' Landing Dawn Patrol Lounge and swimming area as Fort Rucker strives to provide its Soldiers and Families the highest quality amenities and services possible.



Sgt. Ted E. Bear stands as a proud Fort Rucker landmark and icon.



(Note: The area code for the Fort Rucker area is 334 and the DSN prefix is 558.)

Directions

An excellent road network makes it easy to drive to the post from any direction. Entry to the post is through three main gates: the Ozark Gate from the east, the Daleville Gate from the south and the Enterprise Gate from the west.

If you are coming from Ozark via Highway 231, turn onto Alabama 249 westbound (also known as Andrews Ave.) and continue driving until you reach the Ozark Gate.

If you are traveling from Enterprise, take Rucker Blvd., to the Enterprise Gate.

From Dothan, take Highway 84 West, turn right at the Daleville exit, continue driving on Daleville Ave. for about two miles and then enter the post at the Daleville Gate.

Fort Rucker Quick Facts

Fort Rucker covers about 63,100 acres of southeast Alabama countryside in an area known as the Wiregrass, named for a wild grass peculiar to the region.

Fort Rucker became Army Aviation's centerpiece when flight training was consolidated here in 1973. U.S. Air Force helicopter pilots have also trained here since 1971. Fort Rucker instructors teach U.S. and foreign aviators everything from initial rotary-wing courses to advanced courses in aviation safety.

Much of the main post is in Dale County, with the remaining government-owned and leased acreage in Coffee, Geneva and Houston counties. Most of the countryside is rolling and wooded. An abundance of lakes and streams and proximity to the Gulf of Mexico make this area a fisherman's paradise.

To carry out our mission, Fort Rucker supports a daytime population of about 13,885, including about 5,800 people in uniform, 7,600 civilian and

contract employees and 3,300 military Family member residents.

Fort Rucker is about 80 miles south of Montgomery, the Alabama state capital. It is just 20 miles northwest of the city of Dothan, home of the National Peanut Festival. Fort Rucker is surrounded by the communities of Enterprise, Daleville and Ozark that have long, warm and strong ties to the post.

Nearby Air Transportation

The Dothan Regional Airport (DHN), located on the north side of the city in Houston County, provides regional airline service. Those moving on a government transportation request can obtain transportation from the Dothan airport to Fort Rucker. The pick up point is in the main terminal. For further assistance, contact the staff duty officer at 255-3100 or 255-9777.

Communities of Excellence

In keeping with the Army Community Covenant, Fort Rucker maintains strong ties to its neighboring Wiregrass communities.

Daleville

Daleville, the "Gateway City," situated in southwest Dale County, is the main entrance to Fort Rucker.

The recreational facility, Culpepper Park, includes two softball fields, walking track, tennis courts, picnic pavilion, and playground.

Daleville's unique blend of shopping centers and home-owned and operated shops present a warm, friendly welcome to all visitors. Modern housing developments are expanding and improving living conditions, with many homes available for sale or rent at reasonable prices.

The Daleville school system is fully accredited by the Association of Southern Schools and Colleges and provides an excellent program for area students in grades kindergarten



Daleville is the "Gateway City" to Fort Rucker.



Dothan murals depict the history of the city.

through 12th. Among the many outstanding extracurricular activities are a complete sports program and the award-winning JROTC and band programs.

Daleville also has an extremely active Community Center. It offers multiple activities for all ages and includes a four-season sports program and swimming pool. Many civic and community groups meet here. The Daleville Public Library offers a wide selection of reading, video, and audio materials for recreational and research purposes for all age groups. It has internet access available to all patrons with remote access to the Virtual Library.

The Senior Citizens Center also houses a nutrition site that offers a diversified program to senior citizens, including daily meals, arts and crafts, games, meals on wheels for the homebound, group trips, and many other functions of interest. Daily transportation to the Center for the elderly and disabled is provided free, and vans are equipped with lifts for wheelchairs.

Daleville is proud of its outstanding churches, excellent public utilities, and the nicest people you would ever want to know.

The city of Daleville enjoys an active relationship with its liaison unit, the 1st Battalion, 223rd Aviation Regiment.

Dothan

Located just 20 miles southeast of Fort Rucker, Dothan, with its population of more than 56,000, is the largest city in the Wiregrass. It serves a trade area of some half million people from Alabama, Georgia, and Florida.

Dothan's retail market, one of the healthiest in the state, boasts the Wiregrass Commons Mall and the "Shops on the

Circle." In addition, there are a wide variety of locally owned stores, boutiques, and many convenient plazas.

Each season brings its own special events. Springtime arrives in a blaze of color with blooming azaleas, dogwoods, tulips, and daffodils. The Azalea Dogwood Trail, usually in mid-March, is a favorite of locals and visitors alike. For over half a century Dothan has hosted the Future Masters Golf Tournament each July.

Such old Southern-style of gardening and beauty can be seen at the Dothan Area Botanical Gardens just off

Highway 431 near Landmark Park.

Personnel at the gardens are committed

to the conservation of natural resources, as well as education and research. Its programs include environmental seminars, speakers programs, and gardening programs, tours, and meetings throughout the year.

A tranquil, paved nature trail meanders through a beautiful garden of roses, herbs, day lilies, camellias, and native azaleas. The pond, Victorian gazebo, butterfly garden, green house, and a demonstration garden add to the gardens vibrant rhythm of nature and natural beauty. Operating hours are from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Admission is free. Telephone 793-3224 for more information.

By early November, when the peanut crop is harvested, Dothan celebrates with the National Peanut Festival. This week long celebration is packed with popular recording stars, carnival attractions, traditional folklore events, and a spectacular parade.

Dothan has many recreational opportunities for all ages and the facilities are outstanding. Area recreation departments oversee 20 parks, six public swimming pools, seasonal water park, 40 public tennis courts, a new 16-court fast-dry tennis facility boasting a Championship court build to professional standards, four recreational centers, a five diamond softball complex and numerous organized team sports including soccer. Nearby lakes, rivers, and streams provide some of the finest fresh water fishing in the world. Hunting abounds as well.

Located off of U.S. Hwy. 231 South, Country Crossing is expected to become the home of an unprecedented resort/entertainment facility featuring a hotel, an amphitheater, a family entertainment center, festival grounds, an RV Park

and a bingo pavilion. Country Crossing, a mega tourist destination for the entire Southeast region of the U.S., is scheduled to open in Fall 2009.

A number of celebrity-themed venues will be featured at Country Crossing. Country music artists who have already committed are George Jones, Tracy Lawrence, Darryl Worley, Lorrie Morgan and John Anderson, with more country acts and celebrity-endorsed venues being added.

Dothan is also one of the stops on Alabama's famed Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail, featuring 36 holes of world-class golf at Highland Oaks.

Landmark Park, the state's agricultural museum, consists of 60 acres of shady nature trails and a boardwalk, picnic sites, historic restorations, special events, educational opportunities for adults and children, a planetarium, and an interpretive center.

A love of elegance, culture, art, and recreation are alive and well in Dothan. The Opera House, a historic downtown landmark built in 1903, represents the elegance of turn-of-the-century southern life. It opens its doors for professional and community theatre productions, including the Southeast Alabama Community Theatre performances, spectacular concerts, symphonies, ballet performances, and many other cultural events each year.

MusicSouth, formerly the Southeast Alabama Symphony Association, Understudy Dinner Theater, Southeast Alabama Dancing Arts Council, and the Houston County Arts Alliance, all contribute to cultural life in Dothan.

A variety of art experiences are offered at the Wiregrass Museum of Art. Located across the street from the Dothan Civic Center in a renovated building that is on the National Register of Historic Buildings, the museum offers a collection of paintings, sculptures, decorative arts, and African cultural objects. The museum's seven galleries include an interactive gallery, a hands-on exhibit for children, called Artventures, and a gift gallery for shopping.

The museum sponsors art displays for different interest groups. For example, the "Art of Soldiering" displays military works of art that attract Fort Rucker Soldiers. Admission to the Wiregrass Museum of Art is free.

Complimenting its collection of art, the museum's elegant Conference Center, with its meeting rooms and multimedia equipment, is perfect for receptions, business meetings, and seminars.

All this, combined with quality education, medical services, sophisticated and technologically advanced medical treatment and services, commercial air service, more than 140 places of worship representing more than 25 denominations, and friendly, gracious people attract many to Dothan to live and visit.

Dothan appreciates and honors its Fort Rucker liaison unit, the 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment.

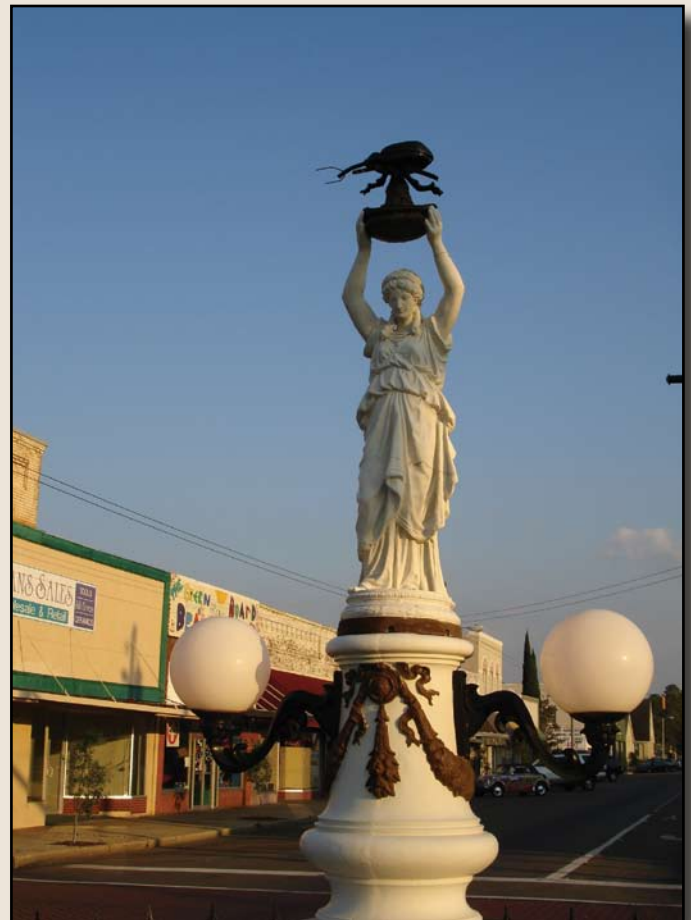
Enterprise

Enterprise, a growth community, is not just a town; it is a team working together to improve the community spiritually, culturally, socially, and economically.

It is a progressive city whose birth actually took place in 1881 when Mr. J. Henry Carmichael built the first residence. He is recognized as the founder of Enterprise, which was officially incorporated in 1896 with a population of 250. In 1898, the railroad came to Enterprise, bringing with it much growth and progress. In 1901, the Atlantic Coast Line acquired the railroad and currently it is operated by CSX Transportation. After the turn of the century, the first hospital was built.

Primarily an agricultural town, Enterprise was especially hard hit with the arrival of the unwelcome boll weevil. Shortly after 1910, this destructive insect invaded the cotton fields. In an effort to offset the resultant devastating effect brought on by this infestation, systematic reduction of cotton acreage and diversification of crops were initiated statewide.

Because of the tremendous economic success Coffee County farmers had with their peanut crops, they decided to build a monument to the boll weevil that had been responsible for the change from cotton. On December 11, 1919, the



Enterprise is the only city in the world with a monument glorifying a pest.

monument was unveiled and still stands in downtown Enterprise, the only city in the world with a monument glorifying a pest.

Another one-of-a-kind monument, which commemorates and is dedicated to Army aviators, was erected by a local garden club in 1972. Enterprise today is a progressive city with a population of more than 22,000. It is continuously gaining new and outstanding leadership in facets of community life, thus offering challenges and opportunities to its residents. The citizens of Enterprise are dedicated to "Quality of Life."

Enterprise City School System is comprised of six elementary schools, three junior high schools, and one high school with a total enrollment of about 5,300 students. Students have consistently scored higher than state and national averages on tests such as the Stanford Achievement Test and the American College Test.

The system is currently rated as one of the top school systems in Alabama with about \$2.5 to \$3 million worth of scholarships awarded annually to graduating seniors.

Enterprise Ozark Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award the Associate Degree. EOCC has established and maintained a superior academic reputation with more than 2,000 students enrolled in credit courses and an additional 3,000 adults registered in various continuing education programs. Many military service members and their Families take advantage of the Service Members' Opportunities College Associate Degree network that allows students to transfer credits throughout the nation.

Enterprise has an outstanding public library, an active art alliance, country club, golf course, and 80 acres of developed parks for use by people of all ages. "Don" Donaldson Park has modern facilities that feature six lighted tennis courts, two softball fields, and a baseball field.

The Enterprise Recreational Complex is complete with a lake, walking trails, playground, and a Family picnic area.

Several shopping centers and a large variety of locally-owned businesses make one-stop shopping a reality in Enterprise.

Community members have access to modern health care services at Medical Center Enterprise. The 135-bed hospital provides the latest technology in Labor and Delivery, ENT,



Downtown Geneva reflects small town atmosphere.

Orthopedic, Urology, Internal Medicine and Diagnostic services and outpatient surgery center.

Religious worship is an integral part of the Enterprise community. The many faiths represented are more than just religious centers; they are active in all facets of the community.

Enterprise, adjacent to the west gate of Fort Rucker, is a city of a new generation of Southerners, where gracious living blends easily with a modern way of life.

The city of Enterprise appreciates its Fort Rucker liaison unit, 1st Battalion 212th Aviation Regiment.

Geneva

Located on the Choctawhatchee and Pea Rivers about 35 miles south of Fort Rucker on Highway 85 is the city of Geneva.

Geneva, with its exciting recreational opportunities, historic landmarks, and relaxing Family experiences, is full of exciting recreational opportunities, historic landmarks, and relaxing Family experiences.

This southern Alabama community boasts its annual Festival on the Rivers, an event nationally recognized as one of the top 20 events in the Southeast. This two-day "down home" festival features food, arts and crafts, fishing contest, road races, canoe races, worm fiddling contest, tug-of-war, car shows, beauty contest, talent contest, gospel singing, nationally-known entertainment and a parade downtown. An added popular feature in 2004 was helicopter rides, sponsored by the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation that gave participants an aerial view of Geneva.

Geneva honors its Fort Rucker liaison unit, the 1st Battalion,

13th Aviation Regiment, at its annual “The Great American Fish Fry” where Geneva shows off its great talent for cooking southern fried catfish.

Ozark

One will find in Ozark, a gentler climate and culture. A community where “neighbor” means more than someone living next door. Ozark is a Family sort of place, a community safe and secure where residents care and share with other Families. Ozark is away from the rush, yet in pace with the times.

The moment you arrive, you’ll notice life is different here. Beautiful antebellum homes built when “cotton was king” still grace streets lined with majestic oaks draped with Spanish moss. You’ll experience the quaint atmosphere of “small town” Main Street when Ozark ushers in the Claybank Jamboree each fall. Named for the log-hewed Claybank Church built in 1852, the Jamboree offers a chance to browse for bargains among exquisite antiques, vintage furniture, homemade quilts, and other special keepsakes from days gone by. The arts and crafts sale is held the first weekend in October.

A well-staffed recreational department maintains parks, ball fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, and tennis courts. An 18-hole golf course provides a challenge to golfers.

The sportsman knows no off-season. The 92-acre Dale County Lake and the many other lakes, rivers, and creeks around the area provide the fisherman with bass, bluegill, and catfish. For the hunter, deer, wild turkey, quail, and dove abound in the underbrush, woods, and fields surrounding Ozark.

For those who enjoy other kinds of entertainment, the

Ozark Civic center can accommodate 4,100 people, hosting a year-round lineup of national stars. The Flowers Center for Performing Arts can seat 500 people for community, school, and civic events. The library has a large circulation and year-round programs.

The Ozark City School system has a student population of about 3,400, maintaining two elementary, two middle, one vocational and one high school with athletics and band programs. Citizens of the community have access to continued education through Wallace College and Enterprise Ozark Community College campus. The Vivian B. Adams School for exceptional children, located in Ozark, operates year-round and provides education of the trainable mentally handicapped and the severely and profoundly mentally handicapped.

The major agricultural industry remains to be the peanut, with poultry a second fast-growing business. Ozark comprises many businesses and industries—retail, manufacturing, and restaurants rank high in the business composition.

Dale Medical Center offers the finest quality health care with an 89-bed acute care facility and a staff of more than 300 that oversees a full range of care specialties.

Religious worship runs deep within the Ozark fabric, which is reflected in the many denominations represented in the area. Area churches are at the forefront of the community, promoting youth and Family activities.

History, recreation, festivities, education, entertainment, beauty, climate, security, and fun abound in Ozark, a Family sort of place, out of the rush, yet in pace with the times.

Ozark honors and appreciates its Fort Rucker liaison unit, the 1st Battalion, 14th Aviation Regiment.



Ozark's past is depicted by its many antebellum homes.

Installation Structure

Garrison

The Installation Management Agency, consisting of seven regions worldwide, was established in October 2002. The Fort Rucker garrison is aligned with the Southeast IMA Region headquartered in Atlanta.

To ensure the well-being of Soldiers, civilians and Family members, IMA’s mission is to provide equitable, efficient, and effective management of Army installations worldwide. This mission plan includes maintenance for various projects on post.

The creation of IMA is based on the concept by Department of the Army to separate the base (garrison) support from mission funding.



Family-centered activities are a command priority at Fort Rucker.

The Fort Rucker garrison operates much like any small city.

The garrison command functions much like a city manager's office by overseeing the services and support necessary for daily operations.

Police and fire departments, engineers, housing, contracting, grocery and retail enterprises, banks and other services are all managed with garrison command oversight. These include the main post exchange and commissary; Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR) child and youth services programs; Army Community Service ; arts and crafts; and the post library. Discover all that DFMWR has to offer at <http://www.ftruckerdmwr.com/>.

The Garrison Commander and the Garrison Command Sgt. Major are also actively involved with installation beautification programs, school programs, special local and federal observances, union and civil grievances, reports of survey, and membership on a number of boards and councils.

In keeping with the Army Community Covenant, the Garrison Command is the installation's immediate link with the surrounding communities, working with the mayors and Chambers of Commerce in the Wiregrass.

The command provides leadership and support to many worthwhile programs on the installation, such as the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, Combined Federal Campaign, Army Emergency Relief, Support the Strong campaign and the Fort Rucker Volunteer program.

The Garrison Command also oversees services provided by the Aviation Center Chaplain, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, Equal Employment Opportunity, Public

Affairs, the Military Personnel Division and Adjutant General, Army Career and Alumni program, Internal Review and Audit Compliance, and Army Substance Abuse.

U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence

Fort Rucker, named Army Aviation's Center of Excellence in 2008, serves as the headquarters for Army Aviation. While the garrison command manages the daily operations of the Fort Rucker community, the Aviation branch headquarters develops, coordinates and deploys Aviation operations, training and doctrine. The U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence also hosts various Army tenant organizations.

History

Area

Alabama blends traditional Southern Hospitality, its new role as an industrial pacesetter, and a rich variety of scenic attractions for a prized travel package.

Alabama is set in the heart of America's peanut growing area. Dothan hosts the National Peanut Festival in October. The Boll Weevil Monument in Enterprise, built because the cotton pest ended one-crop agriculture, is the only known memorial to an insect. A large lake at Eufaula provides excellent water recreation. Squirrel, rabbits, raccoons, opossum, dove, and quail are hunted in the area.

Alabama's history has been shaped by Indians, Spanish explorers, French settlers, British Soldiers, American pioneers, and many social and industrial changes.

Hernando de Soto, Spanish explorer, led an expedition westward through Alabama in 1540. In 1702, the French settled on Dauphin Island in Mobile Bay and built Fort Conde in 1711 on the present site of Mobile. By the Treaty of Paris in 1763, France ceded to England what is now Alabama. The territory was given to the United States at the end of the Revolution, except for the Gulf Coast area which the U.S. won from Spain as a result of the War of 1812.

The territory of Alabama was formed in 1817. Alabama won statehood in 1819. Cahaba was chosen as capital, but the seat of government was moved to Tuscaloosa in 1826 and finally to Montgomery in 1846.

Alabama seceded from the Union in 1861, and Montgomery became the first capital of the Confederacy.

The population of the state is 4,273,000. Alabama covers an area of 50,750 square miles. The state flower is

the Camellia; the tree, the Southern Pine; and the bird, the Yellowhammer.

Fort Rucker

Fort Rucker and Army Aviation. Although both Fort Rucker and Army Aviation trace their origins back to earlier eras, they came into being during the early months of World War II. The United States entered the war on December 8, 1941, following the surprise Japanese attack on Hawaii, the Philippines, Guam, and Midway. On December 15, Congress voted an appropriation of \$10 billion for the defense of the United States and established a military service draft for men from 20 to 44 years of age.

The Origins of Fort Rucker. During World War II, America conducted a manpower mobilization unprecedented in its history in terms of total numbers; the United States put into uniform more than 16 million men (one-sixth of the total male population) and also approximately 333,000 women. This mobilization called for the creation of new training camps and military bases, including Camp Rucker.

Wiregrass. The southeast part of Alabama where Camp Rucker was established has traditionally been called the "Wiregrass," because of the wiry grass that once grew so profusely in the area. During the early European settlement of what is now the southeastern United States, the Wiregrass area was a borderland between the Spanish in Florida, the British in the Carolinas and Georgia, and the French around Mobile and up the Alabama River.

Although the land where Fort Rucker now stands was sparsely populated, it was claimed by Native Americans known as Creeks, most of whom were peoples of the Muskogee linguistic branch. To the north and east of the site of Fort Rucker, especially along the Chattahoochee River, there was a concentration of Creek villages.

Most of the Native American villages of Georgia and eastern and central Alabama, whether of Muskogee linguistic stock or not, were loosely bound together in a confederation,



Early aviators discuss aircraft maintenance.



Aviator Wings are pinned on in this early photo.

known as the Creek Confederacy. The Creeks traded with the European settlers of the region and adopted parts of their culture.

During the 18th century, following the British establishment of the colony of Georgia, the Creeks gradually ceded their eastern lands to Great Britain and then to the independent United States. They continued to occupy and maintain claim to western Georgia and central and eastern Alabama until the 19th century. As settlers from the United States encroached upon these lands, however, many Creeks became disgruntled and antagonistic toward the new American nation; some of them made common cause with the British during the War of 1812.

In 1814, the more hostile faction of the Creek Confederacy was defeated by an army led by General Andrew Jackson at the Battle of Horse Shoe Bend, in east central Alabama. In the resultant Treaty of Fort Jackson, all Creek territory in central and south Alabama and South Georgia was ceded to the United States.

Between 1821 and 1832 the Creeks were forced to cede their remaining lands in western Georgia and east central Alabama in return for new lands west of the Mississippi.

As a result of the Creek cession of 1814, the Wiregrass area was opened to white settlement. Alabama was admitted to the union as a state in 1819, and the westward expansion of cotton production brought a flood of settlers into the new state. The Wiregrass, however, was not considered prime cotton producing land, so it was settled, for the most part, by non-slave owning small farmers. In 1860, for example, when slaves constituted more than 75 percent of the population of Dallas county in central Alabama, they comprised fewer than 15 percent of the population of the Wiregrass.

Dale County, encompassing all of present-day Dale, Coffee, and Geneva counties, was incorporated in 1824. Coffee County was formed from the western part of the



Soldiers trained at Camp Rucker prepare for combat in WWII.

original Dale County in 1841. Ozark, the largest town of the two-county area, had a population of only around 600 in 1870.

Cotton agriculture became more significant and widespread in the Wiregrass region with the increased use of commercial fertilizer during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Cotton production contributed to the further depletion of the already thin soil of the area and led to an agricultural crisis with the advent of the boll weevil during the early 20th century.

Boll Weevil. The pesky boll weevil caused people of the Wiregrass to turn to crops other than cotton, later recognizing the value of agricultural diversification and especially of peanut production. They erected a monument to the boll weevil in the town of Enterprise in 1919.

During the early years of the Great Depression of the 1930s, the principal problem faced by the people of the Wiregrass was the low price of farm products -- \$15 per ton for peanuts, 2.5 cents per pound for hogs, and 5 cents per pound for cotton. One of objectives of the New Deal Program of the Franklin D. Roosevelt administration was to increase farm income by taking marginal land out of production and decreasing overall agricultural production.

During the 1930s, a 35,000-acre tract of land in Dale and Coffee counties was purchased by the federal government, withdrawn from cultivation, and converted into a wildlife refuge -- the Pea River Land Use Project. Owners were paid an average price of \$7.46 per acre for their land, and many of them were in turn employed by the Works Projects Administration to plant tree seedlings and build lakes and game preserves on the new federal reservation. One of the

more ambitious projects was Bldg. an earthen dam across Claybank Creek to create an 850-acre lake -- later given the Muskogee name "Tholocco."

In July 1941, the War Department selected the lands of the Pea River Project to be used as an infantry training camp. It was necessary to acquire an additional 30,000 acres of land -- mostly between the existing federal property and the Atlantic Coast Line railroad., between Newton and Enterprise but also including all privately owned lands within the boundaries of the former wildlife refuge.

In January 1942, a few weeks after the surprise Japanese attack, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers completed construction plans for the 4,600 acre cantonment area of the camp. These plans called for buildings, streets, utilities, wells, railroads, sidetracks and other facilities. The principal contractor, J.A. Jones Construction Company of Charlotte, N.C., constructed 1,500 buildings, and developed streets and other facilities for the price of \$24,620,160. This work was completed in fewer than the 120 days allotted by the contract.

Camp Rucker. The original name of the post was Ozark Triangular Division Camp, but before the camp was officially opened on 1 May 1942, the War Department named it Camp Rucker. The post was named in honor of Colonel Edmund W. Rucker, a Civil War Confederate officer, who was given the honorary title of "General," and who became an industrial leader in Birmingham after the war. In September 1942, 1,259 additional acres south of Daleville were acquired for the construction of an airfield to support the training camp. It was known as Ozark Army Airfield until January 1959, when the name was changed to Cairns Army Airfield.

The first troops to train at Camp Rucker were those of the 81st (Wildcat) Infantry Division; the 81st Division left Rucker for action in the Pacific Theater in March 1943. Three other infantry divisions received training at Camp Rucker during World War II -- the 35th, the 98th, and the 66th. The 66th (Panther) Division left for the European Theater in October 1944.

Camp Rucker was also used to train dozens of units of less than division size; these included tank, infantry replacement, and Women's Army Corps units. During the latter part of World War II, several hundred German and a few Italian prisoners-of-war were housed in stockades near the railroad east of the warehouse area, on the southern edge of the post.

Camp Rucker was inactive from March 1946 until August 1950, between WWII and the Korean conflict.

The principal Army unit operating at Rucker during the Korean conflict was the 47th Infantry Division, which trained replacement troops for combat in Korea. The post

again became inactive in June 1954, after an armistice was signed.

Camp Rucker reopened in August of that year, however, when the Army Aviation School began moving to Camp Rucker from Fort Sill, Okla.

The Origins of Army Aviation. Army Aviation traces its origins back to the American Civil War. Both Union and Confederate forces used helium-filled balloons to direct artillery fire, marking the beginning of U.S. military aeronautics and of aerial support of Army ground forces. The Army also used balloons during the Spanish American War and World War I, but airplanes replaced balloons for most military purposes during the latter conflict.

Army Aviation began in 1909 with the Army's acquisition of its first heavier-than-air aircraft, an airplane built to Army specifications by the Wright brothers. During World War I, the Army's aircraft strength grew from a few dozen to more than 11,000 planes, and the number of aviation personnel came to total more than 190,000. The Army Air Service was created in May of 1918.

After World War I, General William Mitchell and other Air Service leaders spoke out forcefully in favor of an independent air force. Since they envisioned aviation as a separate striking force, capable of independent operations, they opposed its remaining an arm of the ground forces.

Although Congress as well as most Army leaders rejected Mitchell's argument, the Air Service did become a separate combat arm, equal in status to the infantry, cavalry, and artillery. In 1926, the name of the air arm was changed to Army Air Corps, and then, in June 1941, the Air Corps and other Army air elements were merged to form the Army Air Forces, co-equal with the Army Ground Forces and the Army Service Forces.

During the 1930s, many Army Air Corps leaders became preoccupied with strategic air operations. Like Billy Mitchell before them, they advocated using air power independently of the Army ground forces to destroy enemy targets behind the lines of combat. This Air Corps emphasis on strategic operations disturbed some ground forces leaders, who believed their aerial support needs were being neglected.

Aerial support was particularly vital for artillery fire adjustment. Partly because Air Corps fire support aircraft were not always available, the chief of field artillery and other artillery officers became interested in using light aircraft organic to the artillery units.

The Army experimented with using small organic aircraft for artillery fire adjustment and other functions in maneuvers at Camp Beauregard, La., in August 1940. The tests were repeated on a larger scale in the Army maneuvers in Louisiana, Tennessee, Texas, and the Carolinas in 1941.



Camp Rucker trained dozens of units for WWII.

The Army's "Grasshoppers," as these light planes came to be called, proved to be much more effective than the larger Air Corps planes used for the same purposes.

Birth of Army Aviation (1942). Following a final series of experiments with organic Army spotter aircraft conducted in 1942, the secretary of War ordered the establishment of organic air observation for field artillery -- hence the birth of modern Army Aviation -- on 6 June 1942. It was this new World War II-era phenomenon with its few small single-engine spotter planes, organic Army Aviation, that eventually evolved into today's Army Aviation Branch. On the other hand, the organization that had been the Army Air Service and the Army Air Corps continued through World War II as the Army Air Forces and finally became the U.S. Air Force in 1947.

Organic Army Aviation first entered into combat in November 1942 on the coast of North Africa. During World War II, L-4 Grasshoppers and a few larger L-5 Sentinels were used to adjust artillery fire, gather intelligence, support naval bombardment, direct bombing missions, and perform other functions. Most training of both pilots and mechanics was conducted by the Department of Air Training within the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Okla., although the Army Air Forces conducted some primary training of organic Army Aviation personnel.

The Korean conflict provided new challenges and opportunities for Army Aviation. Organic Army Aviation had acquired its first helicopters, thirteen H-13 Sioux, in 1947, shortly before the U.S. Air Force became independent of the Army. In Korea, the Army employed the O-1 Bird Dog and other improved fixed wing planes, but also helicopters. The Army used its H-13s primarily for medical evacuation, command and control, and transport

of lightweight and valuable cargo. Because of the rugged terrain of the Korean peninsula, the value of helicopters came to be recognized by all the services; the demand for both helicopters and trained aviators consistently exceeded the supply.

In 1951 the Army began organizing five helicopter transport companies and training warrant officer pilots. There was, however, an ongoing rivalry between the Army and the Air Force concerning responsibility and resources for the aerial support of ground forces. Because of this rivalry, and also because of the shortage of helicopters, only two Army transport companies were supplied with H-19 Chickasaw helicopters in time to participate in the Korean conflict. Transport helicopters nevertheless proved themselves by moving cargo and personnel during the final months of the war and then by participating in prisoner exchanges and other functions after the cessation of hostilities.

During the Korean conflict, the Department of Air Training at Fort Sill expanded, and in early 1953, it became the Army Aviation School. As a result of the expansion of both aviation and artillery training, Fort Sill became overcrowded, and the Army decided to move the Army Aviation School to a different post. When no satisfactory permanent Army post was found, a temporary post, Camp Rucker, Ala., was chosen.

Army Aviation at Camp Rucker. The Army Aviation School began moving to Alabama in August 1954 and the first class began at Rucker in October.

Camp Rucker Named Fort Rucker (1955). On Feb. 1, 1955, the Army Aviation Center was officially established

at Rucker. In October of that year, the post was given permanent status with the name change from Camp Rucker to Fort Rucker.

Before the mid 1950s, the Army Air Forces-U.S. Air Force had provided primary training for Army Aviation pilots and mechanics. In 1956, DOD gave the Army control over all of its own training. Gary and Wolters Air Force bases in Texas, where the Air Force had been conducting this training, were also transferred to the Army.

Lacking adequate facilities at Fort Rucker, Army Aviation continued primary fixed-wing training at Camp Gary until 1959 and primary rotary-wing training at Fort Wolters until 1973.

In 1956, the Army Aviation Center began assembling and testing weapons on helicopters. These tests, conducted while the Air Force still theoretically had exclusive responsibility for aerial fire support, led to the development of armament systems for Army helicopters.

The first armed helicopter company was activated in Okinawa in 1962. It was deployed to Thailand and then to Vietnam, where it flew escort for lift helicopters. The Department of Defense did not abolish mission restrictions on the Army's rotary-wing aircraft, thereby technically authorizing the Army to arm helicopters until 1966.

The "Howze Board," or "Tactical Mobility Requirements Board," was established in 1962 to develop and test the concept of air mobility. After test exercises, war games, and concentrated study and analysis, the Howze Board recommended that the Army commit itself to organic air mobility -- later known as air assault. The Howze Board recommended the extensive use of helicopters to transport infantry troops, artillery, and supplies, as well as to provide local aerial fire support.

These recommendations were tested by the 11th Air Assault Division (Test) from 1963 to 1965. In 1965, the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) was organized and sent to Vietnam, where it repeatedly demonstrated the validity of the airmobile concept in actual combat.

"America's Helicopter War" Began in Vietnam (1961). Both Army Aviation and the helicopter came of age during the conflict in Southeast Asia. From the arrival in Vietnam of the first Army helicopter units in December 1961, until the completion of the disengagement



Organized Army Aviation was created at Fort Rucker in 1942.

processes in 1973, Vietnam was America's "Helicopter War."

The most widely used helicopter, the UH-1 Iroquois, or Huey, began to arrive in Vietnam in significant numbers in 1964. Before the end of the conflict, more than 5,000 of these versatile aircraft were introduced into Southeast Asia. They were used for medical evacuation, command and control, air assault; personnel and materiel transport; and gun ships.

The AH-1 Cobra arrived in 1967 to partially replace the Huey in its gun ship capacity. Other important helicopters in Vietnam included the CH-47 Chinook, the OH-6 Cayuse, the OH-58 Kiowa, and the CH-54 Tarhe.

Although the concept of air mobility had been developed with a mid-intensity European conflict in mind, Army Aviation and the helicopter had proven themselves during the low intensity conflict in Southeast Asia. Afterwards, the Army turned its major attention back to the threat of a mid or high intensity conflict in Europe, and doubts reemerged about the value of helicopters in that sort of arena.

Some military leaders believed that the helicopter could not survive and perform an essential role in a heavy combat environment. To gain general acceptance and ensure further success, Army Aviation continued to develop new doctrine, tactics, aircraft, equipment, and organizational structure. New or radically modified aircraft were adopted from the late 1970s into the mid-1980s. These included the UH-60 Black Hawk, AH-64 Apache, D-model of the CH-47 Chinook, and OH-58D version of the Kiowa.

The creation, implementation, and consolidation of the Army Aviation Branch dominated the 1980s. Prominent aviators, as well as other Army leaders, had debated the establishment of Aviation as a separate branch since the time of the Korean conflict.

The opposition to a separate aviation branch had resulted in part from Army attitudes regarding the Army Air Corps and the U.S. Air Force. In Army circles, both of these aviation organizations were believed to have been unreliable in performing their mission of supporting the ground forces -- even after having been given resources to do so.

Since Army Aviation had demonstrated its commitment to the support of the ground battle in Vietnam, however, opposition to a separate aviation branch began to wane.

Also, Army Aviation had grown in size and technological sophistication. This growth caused increasingly complex problems in training, procurement, doctrine development, proponent responsibility, and personnel management. Many non-aviators as well as aviators became convinced that these problems could be solved more effectively by the creation of an aviation branch.



Camp Rucker was closed after WWII and reopened in 1955.

Birth of Army Aviation Branch (April 1983). Both Department of the Army and U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command conducted extensive studies of the separate-branch question during the 1970s through 1982. In March 1983, the Chief of Staff of the Army recommended forming a separate aviation branch. The Secretary of the Army approved that recommendation on April 12, 1983 -- the date celebrated as the Branch's birthday.

Aviation Officer Basic and Advanced Courses began at Fort Rucker in 1984, and a gradual consolidation of aviation-related activities followed. In 1986, the U.S. Army Air Traffic Control Activity became part of the branch. In the following year, a Noncommissioned Officers Academy was established at Fort Rucker. In 1988, the Army Aviation Logistics School, which had been dependent on the Transportation Center at Fort Eustis, was incorporated into the Aviation Branch.

Also in 1988, the Army Aviation Modernization Plan was given final approval and implemented. The modernization plan called for a gradual reduction in the number of Army aircraft as older models were replaced by modern ones. Aircraft that appeared during the late 1980s and early 1990s included the armed OH-58D Kiowa Warrior and the new TH-67 Creek training helicopter.

Army Aviation's role of providing the indispensable vertical dimension to the modern battlefield has become universally recognized. For example, during operations in Grenada, Panama, and the Persian Gulf region, Army Aviation played major and decisive roles.

One of the very first blows of Operation Desert Storm was struck by Army Aviation. Apache helicopters destroyed key Iraqi early warning radar sites and thus opened the air corridors to Baghdad for the bombing campaign that preceded the ground war. Then during the 100 hours of



Army Aviation came of age during the Vietnam War.

ground combat, Army helicopters dominated nighttime operations.

The decreased military budgets following the end of the Cold War forced both the Army and Army Aviation to downsize. Army Aviation's response was to develop the "Aviation Restructure Initiative," a plan to decrease the size of the force while continuing to provide a capable, ready force.

By the late 1990s, continuing deficiencies and unintended results of the ARI led to a series of aviation plans as key pieces of the Army-wide modernization and transformation. In 2003, the Aviation Branch assumed overall responsibility for unmanned aerial vehicles within the Army.

Operations since Desert Storm showed the versatility and flexibility of Army Aviation. Examples were uses of AH-64 Apaches in peacekeeping operations in the Balkans as a deterrent to mobs threatening fellow citizens or paramilitary groups trying to remove weapons from agreed cantonments.

The beginning of the Global War on Terrorism in 2001 drew Army Aviation again into ongoing combat.

Events in Afghanistan and Iraq have reaffirmed the qualities that caused the creation of Organic Army Aviation in 1942. These qualities included the responsiveness to the needs of the ground commander and commitment to the Soldier in the ground fight. At the same time, Army Aviation – including Army Special Operations Aviation – has played

vital and ever-expanding roles across the spectrum of Joint and Combined operations.

Local Media

The following media serve the cities that surround Fort Rucker:

The Dothan Eagle, a morning daily, is the largest newspaper published in the area. For more information, call the Circulation Department, 800-811-3141 or 792-3141, 0600-1700, weekdays.

The Daleville Sun-Courier and Southeast Sun newspapers are published each Wed. in Enterprise. For more information, call the Circulation Department, 393-2969, 0800-1700, weekdays.

The Southern Star is published each Wed. in Ozark. For more information, call the Circulation Department, 774-2715, 0600-1700, weekdays.

Three television stations service the Wiregrass. They are WTVY-CBS, Channel 5, Dothan; WDHN-ABC, Channel 8, Dothan, and WSFA-NBC, Channel 12, Montgomery. The cable companies have different channel numbers for these stations.

Arrival

Soldiers Service Center

Located on Novosel St., between Andrews Ave. and 5th Ave., across the street from the U.S. Army Aviation Museum the Cribbins Soldiers Service Center, Bldg. 5700, is a one-stop venue for all military and civilian personnel services.

The construction of the Soldiers Service Center is an example of Fort Rucker's commitment to maintaining a quality workforce.

The building was named on June 10, 2003, for Joseph P. Cribbins, known as the "Father of Modern Army Aviation Logistics."

Permanent Party

The in-processing signs posted at each of the three main entrances to Fort Rucker point permanent party Soldiers to the Soldiers Service Center.

Permanent party Soldiers reporting to Fort Rucker during



Building 5700 is where your in-processing starts.

normal duty hours 0730-1615 Mon.-Fri. must sign in from leave or travel status in Room 280 of the Soldiers Service Center.

On the first duty day after their arrival, Soldiers should report to Bldg. 5700 to formally in-process. If arriving for in-processing after duty hours, Soldiers should call 255-3400 or 255-3100 for further instructions.

The Soldier's brigade or battalion is notified upon receipt of assignment instructions for permanent party Soldiers with a PCS.

The brigade or battalion completes documentation provided by the MPD or AG. Soldiers attend a levy briefing resulting in publication of PCS orders.

Soldiers come to Room 280 with unit clearance papers, copy of DA Form 31 (Leave Form), and orders to obtain installation clearance papers.

All permanent party Soldiers receive a one-on-one records review appointment in Room 280 upon initial in-processing. Update of emergency data (DD 93) and life insurance (SGLV) documentation are completed on an as-need walk-in basis. Soldiers can make appointments for further records review.

Student Soldiers

Student Soldiers will receive in-processing instructions upon reporting to the student company as indicated on their orders.

- Enlisted Soldiers report to 1-13th Aviation Regiment.
- Warrant Officer Candidates report to Warrant Officer Career College.
- Officers and Warrant Officers report to 1-145th Aviation Regiment or 1-13th Aviation Regiment.

All enlisted trainees and students will be notified of permanent change of station assignments three weeks before graduation. All enlisted trainees and students will have PCS orders published no later than two weeks before graduation, unless the Soldier does not have a valid security clearance (DD Form 873) on file, or the unit has notified AG of a Soldier being placed on hold status for any reason.

Note: Enlisted trainees and students will not have PCS orders published until such time as they receive a valid security

clearance in hand. Orders will be published by the next duty day after AG receives the security clearance. Soldiers obtain installation clearance papers from their unit. Final clearance is completed in Room 280.

All officer students will have PCS orders published 30 days before graduation. Soldiers obtain installation clearance papers from their unit. Final clearance is done in Room 280.

Enlisted promotions, Officer Evaluation Reports, and NCO Evaluation Reports are processed through the Soldier's chain of command. Soldiers can get help in Room 280.



Fort Rucker leaders strive to keep Soldiers "Army Strong."



Fort Rucker residents enjoy extensively renovated, expanded and like-new homes.

Getting Settled

Housing

2008 marked the beginning of the second year of Picerne Military Housing's eight-year Initial Development Period. The IDP began when the company assumed operations and maintenance for Fort Rucker's Family housing April 1, 2006. Picerne Military Housing is currently in the process of creating three newly designed neighborhoods at Fort Rucker, each containing 400 to 600 homes. Every home will either be replaced or significantly improved and all new homes will be comparable to those being constructed off-post.

Picerne Military Housing has gone to great lengths to ensure that neighborhoods are designed to create ideal home counts so that each Family receives personalized service from dedicated neighborhood and maintenance teams. These teams are located in the Neighborhood Offices. Each neighborhood will eventually have a Neighborhood Center at the "heart" of each large neighborhood for convenience to the amenities it will offer families. Families will have access to amenities for no charge at the center including: a six-lane, 25-meter pool with zero entry, exercise center, fully-equipped kitchen, multi-purpose room, computer room and outdoor activity areas. In addition, each neighborhood will be connected by an extensive trail and park system.

The partnership between Picerne Military Housing and the Army is for the long-term, and focuses on the sustainability of the homes. Construction is focused on safety, low environmental impact and reduced disruptions for families. Upgrading and replacement will continue over the next 50 years. Residents are now beginning to feel the effects of the privatization process through improved services, maintenance and repair and community amenities.

Those interested in living in on-post housing, may visit www.ruckerpicerne.com or call the Relocation Office, located in Bldg. 5700, at 866-654-9843.

Bachelor quarters consist of 80 officer and senior enlisted quarters.

Permanent party staff sergeants and above have the option to reside on or off post. Phone 255-1205/3705.

Additional Housing

The Fort Rucker Army Lodging, located in Bldg. 308, off 5th Ave., near Bldg. 5700, at 24/7, 334-598-5216, fax (334) 598-1242, Web site ft-ruckerarmylodging.com

is available for official and unofficial travelers. Military Training Service Support students are priority. Reservations for temporary duty, permanent change of station, and unofficial travelers, based on availability, subject to preemption by MTSS students. Prices range from \$27 to \$49, with a variety of room types including standard, efficiency kitchen, Family efficiencies, and suites, with a \$5 additional person charge. Our lodging provides a host of services available to our guests.

Lake Tholocco Lodging proudly offers three distinct lodging areas.

East Beach Lake Cottages offer furnished 2, 3, or 4 bedroom units with fully equipped kitchens, satellite TV, washers/dryers, screened in front and back porches, and much more.

West Beach Singing Pines Cabins offer furnished 2 bedroom units, each with a fully equipped kitchen, front porch with two rocking chairs, and a screened in back porch with picnic table and bench glider rocker.

The Engineer Beach RV Park located past West Beach features 18 rustic sites and 30 modern sites. RV rentals are also available.

All three lodging options offer a grand view of our beautiful Lake Tholocco.

Lake Tholocco Lodging office, located on Johnston Road, Bldg. 24207, is open 0800-1800 hours, 7 days a week. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years. Call 255-4234 for more information or reservations.

Secure arrivals after 1800 hours by credit card or advance payment.

Visit our Web site www.ftruckerarmy.com/laketholocco/index.html for further information, video and services available.

Utilities

The Utilities Clearing House staff, phone 255-3554, Room 190 of the Soldiers Service Center (SSC), Bldg. 5700, assists Soldiers and Family members with electricity, cable television and telephone service orders. You may apply for telephone and other telecommunications service by calling 1-800-532-2311 or by visiting the convenient CenturyTel service center also located in the SSC.

The Utilities Clearing House is open from 0800 – 1200 and 1300 – 1615 Mon. through Fri..

For more information, phone the Housing Referral Office, located in Room 160 of the Soldiers Service Center, at 255-3705 or DSN 558-3705.

Vehicles and Driving

The registration of personally-owned vehicles (including motorcycles) on Fort Rucker is mandatory. Service members, Department of Army civilians, contractors, and retirees accessing Fort Rucker will register their POVs.

Personnel will register vehicles during inprocessing. Registration decals for authorized personnel and special designation decals (general officer, colonel, chief warrant officer 5, and sergeant major and command sergeant major are available at the Vehicle Registration Office, located in Bldg. 5700.

When an owner sells or disposes of a vehicle or is discharged from the military, termination of POV registration and decal revocation is required. The owner will remove and return the DOD and Fort Rucker decals to the Vehicle Registration Office. Decals are government property; their misuse or transfer from the original owner to an unauthorized person or other vehicle is prohibited.

In the event Fort Rucker restricts access to authorized personnel, the Directorate of Public Safety (DPS) will implement a temporary pass/registration program.

Individuals registering POVs will be required to provide their full name, date of birth, address, telephone number, work location (building number), work telephone number, valid state driver's license, current state registration, military identification card, DA civilian identification, and proof of insurance, including the insurance company and policy number. Individuals obtaining a decal for a motorcycle will provide a copy of their Motorcycle Safety Foundation Completion card and their driver's license must indicate they are licensed to operate a motorcycle.

DPS will issue an additional decal verifying POV authorization on the airfields. Individuals requiring access to airfields will submit written authorization to the Vehicle Registration Office from the sponsoring unit or contractor. When an individual's employment on an airfield is terminated, the sponsoring unit or contractor will collect the airfield decal and inform the Provost Marshal's Office of the termination.

All visiting personnel entering an airfield will be signed in at the respective main gate by their escort. Personnel refusing to identify themselves and provide essential information will be denied access. When/if this situation occurs, security guards/Military Police will immediately forward the description of the person and/or vehicle to DPS.

The DD Form 2220 (Department of Defense Registered Vehicle) will be used to identify registered POVs on the installation. This decal will be placed on the lower portion of the driver's side windshield. Personnel with motorcycles or other two-wheeled vehicles will permanently affix the decal to the vehicle so it is not easily removable and is located in such a position that it is clearly visible to guard force personnel at installation entry control points. The requirement to affix the DD Form 2220 to the front windshield of registered vehicles is waived for general officers and flag officers of all armed services, armed service secretaries, political appointees, members of Congress, and the diplomatic corps.

Additional information regarding vehicle registration may be found in Army Regulation (AR) 190-5, Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision, 25 January 2006.

Motorcycle Safety Course

Any person who operates a motorcycle on an Army installation must be licensed to operate a motorcycle on a public highway.

The MSF Course is provided by the Aviation Branch Safety Office, at no cost to active duty military and DoD civilian personnel. Contractors, retiree, and Family members are offered the course free of charge on a standby basis.

Motorcycle Operations and Safety

No person shall operate a motorcycle on Fort Rucker unless he/she is in complete compliance with the following safety/equipment guidelines:

An MSF course completion card/certificate must be in the possession of the operator whenever riding a motorcycle on Fort Rucker. Failure to produce one of these documents if stopped by law enforcement personnel may result in a citation being issued.

Motorcycles must have headlights turned on at all times while in operation.

All motorcycles operated on Fort Rucker must have two rearview mirrors (one mirror on each side).

Motorcycle Personal Protective Equipment

The following personal protective equipment (PPE) is mandatory while operating a motorcycle or riding as a passenger on or off Fort Rucker. Failure to wear the PPE or comply with licensing or operator training requirements may be considered in making line-of-duty determinations if injury results from non-use or noncompliance of PPE IAW Fort Rucker Regulation 190-5 • 1 July 2006. Security officers at the installation access control points or gates into

airfields will deny entry to personnel who fail to wear PPE or can't produce a MSF card/certificate.

Soldiers will wear an approved helmet. The helmet will be properly fastened (under the chin) and certified to meet DOT standards as described in appendix D of Fort Rucker Regulation 190-5. All civilians will comply with the same helmet requirement specified for Soldiers when operating or riding a motorcycle on Fort Rucker or while on government business off Fort Rucker.

Full-fingered gloves or mittens designed for use on a motorcycle, long trousers, and a long-sleeved shirt or jacket. Riders are highly encouraged to purchase leather riding apparel, as it provides much more protection to the rider's skin than normal clothing if the rider is involved in an accident.

As a minimum, motorcycle operators and passengers will wear a brightly-colored reflective-type belt (as normally used by Soldiers during PT), during either daytime or nighttime driving. Motorcycle operators are highly encouraged to wear a full-size reflective vest, as it makes them much more visible to other vehicle operators. A reflective belt, reflective vest/jacket, or jacket with reflective material meets requirements.

When the belt is worn, it will be worn diagonally across the upper body and over the shoulder or over any backpack worn by the operator.

Motorcycle operators and passengers will also wear leather boots or over-the-ankle leather hard-sole shoes and proper eye protection whenever operating a motorcycle. Proper eye protection is defined as impact- or shatter-resistant goggles or a full-face shield properly attached to the helmet. A motorcycle windshield or a clear-looking vinyl or plastic windbreaker is not considered proper eye protection.

For more information on the motorcycle safety and the MSF Course contact 255-1996/3000.



Motorcycle safety rides emphasize risk reduction.

Extended visitor passes

Visitors required to drive on post for more than one day must obtain an extended pass from the Vehicle Registration Office.

Military and DA civilians not stationed at Fort Rucker who are here on a temporary duty basis for example, to attend a conference or training course must obtain an extended visitor's pass good for the length of their TDY but not to exceed six months. These individuals need to present a current driver's license, proof of vehicle insurance, and state vehicle registration or a copy of the rental contract if using a rental car. They must also bring a copy of their TDY orders to indicate the length of their temporary duty. Vehicle registration will issue the extended pass for the duration of the TDY.

Short-term contractors who don't meet the requirements for a Department of Defense decal may obtain an extended pass for the duration of their contract on post. Their government contract officer or representative must sign and submit a memorandum listing the employee's full name, Social Security number, contractor number, and requested duration of the pass, through the Provost Marshal, ATTN: Physical Security, to the Vehicle Registration Office. Once approved, the request will be forwarded to the vehicle registration office. Normally, the employee may obtain their extended pass 1 duty day after the request is submitted to the Provost Marshal's Office. The contract employee must present a current driver's license, proof of vehicle insurance, and state vehicle registration at vehicle registration to obtain the extended pass.

Driving on Post

The Alabama motor vehicle law applies on post. Military and civilian personnel who are ticketed on post will have to appear in Federal Magistrate Court.

Additionally, military members ticketed will have to appear in front of their command and may receive administrative discipline or Uniform Code of Military Justice action.

The speed limit on post is 30 miles per hour unless otherwise posted and is enforced by roving military police patrols equipped with radar. Seat belts are required at all times while driving on post. Parking is authorized only in those areas or spaces designated for parking.

If a vehicle operator, military or civilian, is stopped by the military police for a traffic violation or routine identification check, full cooperation with the military police or gate guard is required by presenting any and all identification.

Driving the speed limit, coming to a full stop where indicated, and not getting behind the wheel after drinking alcohol will not only save your career but also could save your life.

Cell phone or other Mobile Personal Electronic Devices

In accordance with Army regulations, use of handheld cell phones or other mobile personal electronic device (MPED) is strictly prohibited on Fort Rucker. Users may either safely park their vehicle or use a hands-free device. Wearing of any other portable headphones, earphones, or other listening devices while operating a motor vehicle is also prohibited.

An MPED is defined as an electronic device such as a cellular phone, a personal data assistant, a device that performs personal computer functions, sends or receives electronic mail, plays a video game, or plays a digital video disk, or any other electronic device that permits the user to freely view, talk on, or transmit data while operating a vehicle. An MPED would include devices such as a Blackberry or similar-brand or type devices.

These prohibitions apply to all personnel while operating a vehicle on Fort Rucker, to any person while operating a military, government, or rental vehicle under official orders while off post, and to any Soldier attached or assigned to the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker while operating a POV off post.



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Services and Facilities

Adjutant General/Military Personnel Division

The Adjutant General/Military Personnel Division (AG/MPD) directs personnel operations for permanent party and student Soldiers. The AG/MPD, located in Room 280 of the Soldiers Service Center, is a customer-oriented organization that strives to provide excellent service to our Soldiers and Family members. The Operating hours are 0730-1600.

An AG directory provided here helps the user locate the respective personnel office.

Adjutant General	255-2700
C, MPD	255-3184
C, PMB (Closed Wed - 0730-1200).....	255-3496

C, PSB	255-9241
In/Outprocessing	255-1814

Officer Management Branch

The OMB handles assignments for all permanent party officers and warrant officers. OMB screens and publishes the promotion list for all officers and warrant officers in all branches.

For more information, phone 255-3160.

Personnel Services Branch

ID Cards: Room 160, offers extended afternoon hours the 1st and 3rd Wed. of every month.

For more information, phone 255-2437 or 255-9040.

Awards & Military Medical Review Boards

Room 280. For more information, phone 255-1815.

Soldier Actions

Room 280, Processes a variety of actions including Voting Assistance, Compassionate Reassignments, immigration and naturalization, hardship discharges, resignations and releases from active duty.

For more information, phone 255-3318.

Transition Center

Room 280, processes separating Soldiers, DD 214 and other associated documents pertaining to separation by ETS, chapter discharge or retirement.

For more information, phone 225-1842.

Retirement Services

Room 161, services retirement requests; Survival Benefit Plan counseling or election; support of retired personnel; conduct of Retiree Appreciation Days; and dissemination of information about retirees through use of retiree newsletters, personal counseling, handouts and e-mail.

For more information, phone 255-9124.

Casualty Assistance

Room 280, coordinates military funeral honors for active duty, retiree and veterans; provides survivor assistance to retiree surviving spouses; processes paperwork associated with active duty deaths; provides notification and assistance to survivors of active duty personnel and processes line of duty investigations and OCONUS leaves and TDY.

Fort Rucker serves as a Casualty Area Command for all counties of Alabama, except for the counties served by Fort Benning, namely Autauga, Bullock, Chambers, Chilton, Coosa, Elmore, Lee, Macon, Montgomery, Russell and Talapoosa. Fort Rucker also serves the Florida panhandle counties of Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton and Washington.

For more information, phone 255-9311 or 255-9081.

Army Substance Abuse Program

The Army Substance Abuse program (ASAP), located in the Lyster Medical Clinic, provides

- (1) Education and awareness instruction to military and civilian personnel,
- (2) Biochemical testing, which is urinalysis and breath analysis, for 50 military units and 25 agencies on the installation,
- (3) Employee assistance program services for all DA civilians, retirees, and Family members,
- (4) Clinical services to include individual, Family, and group therapy,
- (5) Command and supervisor consultation for all commanders, directors, and supervisors of Soldiers and DA civilians,
- (6) Outreach education to schools, civic organizations, municipalities, and counties in the Wiregrass that need substance abuse awareness education and coordination.

This ASAP professional team is committed to helping Soldiers and civilians at Fort Rucker with any substance abuse problem.

The ASAP, phone 255-7508, is open from 0730-1615 Mon.-Fri..

Phone 334-447-3859 for confidential calls to the Employee Assistance Program.

Army Career and Alumni Program

ACAP is a congressionally mandated program aimed at educating and assisting in separating or retiring Soldiers' transition back into the civilian workforce. ACAP has two missions: transition assistance and job assistance training.

Public law and the United States Code make it mandatory for any Soldier transitioning from the military to receive a pre-separation briefing from the ACAP staff no later than 90 days before their actual separation or retirement date.

However, Congress has authorized transition assistance to begin as early as one year from ETS and two years from retirement for transitioning Soldiers and their spouses. DOD encourages transitioning Soldiers to begin the process as early as possible to maximize their job search potential.

Job Assistance Training is aimed at teaching solid job search principles such as self assessment, the job search process, resume and cover letter production, completing applications, dressing for success, interviewing, salary negotiation and more. The goal of the program is to make the Soldier and Family member self-sufficient in job search skills for the rest of their lives.

The ACAP Center has numerous automated tools for client use to facilitate a successful job search campaign. Additionally, a one-on-one appointment can be made with an ACAP counselor to assist with any phase of the process.

Located in Room 185 of the Soldiers Service Center, the ACAP Center is open from 0800-1600 Mon. through Fri. including Days of No Scheduled Activity (DONSA).

Phone 255-2558 for an appointment.

Mobilization and Plans Office

The Mobilization and Plans Office ensures that units and Soldiers are ready for deployment from the administrative side of the house for the National Guard, Reserves and active duty Soldiers.

Permanent party Soldiers will receive more definitive guidance on unit of assignment, as well as billeting, transportation and military pay information.

For more information, phone 255-1533.

Defense Military Pay Office

Room 120 in Bldg. 5700, operates 0730-1500 Mon. through Fri., except Wed's from 0730-1200. Pay inquiries originate at the Unit Personnel Administration Center. Soldiers must see their PSNCO before reporting to the DMPO.

For more information, telephone DMPO information at 255-9963 or DSN 558-9963.

Schools

Local Public School Websites

Coffee County School System
<http://www.coffeecountyschools.org>

Daleville City Schools
<http://www.daleville.k12.al.us>

Enterprise City Schools
<http://ehs.enterpriseschools.net/>

Ozark City Schools
<http://ocbecobalt.ocbe.k12.al.us/~chs/>

Vivian B. Adams School
<http://www.vivianbadams.org>

School Liaison Officer

The Youth Education Support Services Director and School Liaison Officer assist with school transition support services, Partnerships in Education, installation and school communications, local school information for schools on and off post, home-school linkages, scholarship information and post secondary preparation opportunities.

All of the Fort Rucker and local public schools cooperate with the Secondary Education Transition Study Memorandum of Agreement to ease the transitions of the children and youth as they move from installation to installation.

The School Liaison Officer manages the requests for youth sponsorship.

Bldg. 132, Room 118; phone 255-9812; hours 0730-1615.

On-Post Schools

The two Fort Rucker schools serve students from age 4 through the sixth grade who live on-post.

The Elementary School, comprised of second through six grades, was designed and constructed in 1964 with traditional individual classrooms.

The Primary School, about one mile away, was designed and constructed in 1973. This school has large, open classroom areas or pods to accommodate 90 students and four teachers per pod. It houses 4-year-olds, kindergarten, and first grade.

Fort Rucker schools are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The schools are funded through DOD as Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools on military installations.

Alabama requires children to be 4, 5, or 6 years old, on or before September 1, to enter the program for the 4-year-olds, kindergarten, or first grade, respectively.

To register at either of the schools on post the following documentation will be required:

- Sponsor will update Registration Form (DoDEA Form 600). DoDEA Form 600 must be signed by the active duty sponsor. If the sponsor is deployed, it may be signed by his or her spouse with a Power of Attorney (a copy of the POA will need to be submitted with enrollment documents).
- Child's Social Security Card. A copy of the card will be retained in student's registration file.
- Certified Birth Certificate from the Department of Vital Statistics of the state of birth. The certificate must include the parents' names and cannot be a pocket card or hospital/congratulatory certificate. A copy of the certificate will be retained in the student's registration file.
- If the sponsor is not listed on the birth certificate as a biological parent, the child's dependency and custody determination must be documented before enrollment is granted.
- Sponsor's current military orders. Orders dated prior to 36 months before the start of the of the 2007-08 School Year will require an amendment, updated order, or the registrar can provide a form to be completed by the sponsor's unit.
- Verification of Family Housing. A signed Resident Occupancy Agreement and a current billing statement (i.e. cable bill) will verify your housing assignment. Families



Post schools offer students opportunities to excell.



The post's schools provide high quality educational opportunities.

who are still on the waiting list for housing will need to verify that the registrar has a copy of their original 180-day housing letter.

- An Alabama Certificate of Immunization indicating that required shots have been received. The immunization requirement for the four-year old pre-kindergarten program is that the child be given five DPT shots (or four DPT shots if the fourth shot was received after the child's fourth birthday). The child also needs four OPV shots (or three OPV shots if the third OPV shot was received after the fourth birthday).

Well-Rounded Education

Fort Rucker students receive a comprehensive, well-rounded education that includes gifted education, art, music, physical education, library science and guidance.

Reading Recovery, taught at the Fort Rucker Primary School, is an internationally acclaimed program that assists first graders with difficulty reading. A pilot program for dyslexic students is ensuring success for identified students.

The Fort Rucker schools participate in the U.S. Department of Agriculture School Lunch Program that provides breakfast and lunch. Qualified students receive free or reduced-priced meals. The school provides transportation for students residing more than one mile away from the Elementary School.

The classroom teacher-to-pupil ratio meets accreditation standards. Programs for students include guidance, media, physical education, art, music, computer-assisted instruction and band. Older students have opportunities to participate in extra-curricular offerings after school.

Special Education

Fort Rucker Schools also offer outstanding services for students identified with special needs. Special Education services are provided to students with mild to moderate disabilities in the areas of physical impairments, communication impairments, hearing impairments and developmental delays. Students with severe and profound disabilities receive services through a contractual agreement with the Vivian B. Adams School located nearby in Ozark.

For more information, phone the Superintendent's Office at 598-6396 or DSN 558-3086; Elementary School, 598-4408; or the Primary School at 598-4473.

Higher education

Troy State University, Dothan at Fort Rucker, telephone 598-2443, offers undergraduate and graduate courses each term. Students can complete associate, bachelor, and master degrees on post in the evening.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, telephone 598-6232, offers on-post and on-line courses leading to the master of science, bachelor of science, or associate of science degrees in the

fields of Aviation Maintenance Management and Aeronautical Science. Embry-Riddle also offers the Associate and Bachelor of Science degrees in Technical Management, as well as associate of science and bachelor of science degrees in Professional Aeronautics.

Enterprise-Ozark Community College offers classes at its Fort Rucker Site, Enterprise Campus, and Aviation Campus at Ozark. EOCC offers day, evening, and internet courses leading to associate degrees or certificates in various areas. The aviation degree and certificate programs are the only ones offered in those areas in the state of Alabama. EOCC also offers free GED on-post classes. For more information, call the Fort Rucker Site at (334) 598-3438, the Enterprise Campus at (334) 347-2623, or the Aviation Campus at Ozark at (334) 774-5113, or go online at www.eocc.edu.

Wallace Community College offers instruction in Dothan, Eufaula, and Fort Rucker. Wallace is widely recognized for its excellent allied health and nursing programs and for providing career and technical education in a variety of professional fields. Students may also complete the first two years of a four-year degree through the academic transfer program. More than 50 online courses are available, as well as short-term workforce development opportunities. Free adult education services include GED preparation, English as a Second Language, and Family Literacy.

The WCC Fort Rucker Center is conveniently located in Bldg. 4502 on Kingsman Street. Instruction at this site includes practical nursing, cosmetology, and nail technology. All programs are open to Soldiers, Family members, and civilians. For more information, call 334-598-8866, ext. 3601, or visit the College Web site at www.wallace.edu.

American Red Cross

The Red Cross keeps loved ones in touch when it matters most--through births, deaths, and critical illnesses.

This service provides the latest in leading-edge computer technology to send emergency messages to members of the military worldwide. During times of emergency, active duty

military and their Family members who live together can access this service by calling toll free at 1-800-272-7337.

Military members on leave away from their home stations, Family members not living with the military member, and others requiring emergency communications should call their local Red Cross, not the Red Cross toll free number.

Red Cross works with aid societies to provide emergency financial assistance in case of demonstrated urgent need, especially to defray cost associated with emergency leave.

The Fort Rucker Red Cross provides community volunteer opportunities for military I.D. cardholders.

Volunteers may perform valued community service in the dental clinic, Lyster health clinics, veterinary clinic and others. Volunteers perform a variety of tasks, gain self-fulfillment and may enhance their resumes.

Red Cross further provides first aid, CPR, babysitting, and other classes. Volunteer instructors teach most of these classes.

The Red Cross Office, Room 104, Lyster Army Health Clinic, is open from 0900 to 1500 Mon. through Fri.

For more information phone 255-7215 or DSN 558-7215.

Bank and Credit Union

The Armed Forces Bank operates a full-service bank on post at Hutton Plaza, Bldg. 9214, inside the PX mall. Open from 0900 - 2000 Mon. thru Sat. and from 1000 - 1800 Sun..

The drive-up location, at the corner of 5th Ave. and Red Cloud Rd., is open from 0830 - 1600 Mon. thru Thurs. and from 0830 - 1700 Fri.. Automatic teller machines are open around the clock.

Call 598-2402 for more information.

The Army Aviation Center Federal Credit Union, Fort Rucker branch, Bldg. 8937 on Red Cloud Rd., opens Mon. through Fri. from 0830-1700. The drive-up windows are open until 1730 on Fri.s.

Members may use the automatic teller machines located at the Post Exchange and other locations in the surrounding communities.

All share accounts are insured up to \$100,000 by an agency of the federal government.

Call 598-4411 for more information.

Commissary

The Fort Rucker Commissary is a 27,000 square foot facility with 16 cashier lines for shoppers' convenience. In Hutton Plaza, Bldg. 9213 off Red Cloud Rd., the commissary offers authorized customers more than 20,000 nationally and locally advertised food and household products, selections of U.S. government grade choice meat, and a wide variety of produce. With 24-hours notice, customers can purchase special cuts of meat, deli party trays, and bakery items.

For more information, phone the meat dept., 255-9720/2137; deli and bakery, 255-1091/3826; and

produce, 255-9711.

Operating Hours:

Mon. (closed)

Tues. – Fri.:

1000-1900

Sat. 0900-1800

Sun. 1000-1700

(Handicapped patrons may shop 30 min. before store opens.)

Commissary is open Tues. following Mon. holidays.



The post exchange is a full service facility undergoing modernization renovations in 2009.

Fort Rucker Exchange

Administrative offices:
0730-1600 Mon.-Fri. Phone:
503-9044 ext. 243/245

With more than 45,000 square feet the AAFES main store in Hutton Plaza Shopping Center, Bldg. 9214, stocks brand name clothing, cookware, sporting goods, computers, cameras, DVDs, music, toys and hardware. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 0900-2000; Sun., 1000-1800. Phone: 503-9044.

The shopping center features the following restaurants in its food court:

Anthony's—Hours: Mon. – Sat., 1030-1900; Sun., 1030-1700.

Charley's Grilled Subs—Hours: Mon. – Fri., 0700- 1900; Sat. 0800-1800; Sun. 1000-1700.

Popeyes—Hours: Mon.-Sat., 1030-2000. Sun., 1030-1700.

Robin Hood—Hours: Mon.-Sat., 1030-1430. Closed Sun.

Other AAFES Services:

Post Theater—Hours: Thurs. – Sun., 1900; occasional showings at 1400. Visit AAFES.com for listings.



The commissary offers hours with Soldiers in mind.

Beauty Shop—Bldg. 9214. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 0900-1800; Sat., 0900-1700. Phone: 598-4315

Barber Shop—Bldg. 9214. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 0900-1800; Sun., 1000-1700. Phone: 598-4484

Home and Garden; Toyland—Bldg. 9214. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 0900-2000; Sun., 1000-1800. Phone: 503-9044, ext. 251/252

Watch Repair and Trophy Shop—Bldg. 9214. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 0900-1730; Sat. 0900-1700. Phone: 598-2541

Concession Barber Shop—Bldg. 6600. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 0900-1730; Sat., 0900-1300. Phone: 598-2498

Mini Mall Shoppette—Bldg. 6600. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 0500-2400; Sat.-Sun., 0600-2200. Phone: 503-9338

Military Clothing Sales Store—Bldg. 6600. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 0830-1800; Sat., 0900-1600; Sun., 1100-1700. Phone: 255-3313

Alteration Shop—Bldg. 6600. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 0900-1730; Sun., 0900-1400. Phone: 598-1204

Class Six—Bldg. 2906. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 0900-1900; Sun., 1100-1800. Phone: 503-9044, ext. 283

U-Haul and Rent All—Bldg. 2906. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 0800-1630; Sat., 0800-1300. Phone: 598-3017

Triangle Shoppette—Bldg. 22305. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 0630-2100; Sun., 0900-2000. Phone: 503-9044, ext. 277

Snack Bars

Cairns Airfield—Bldg. 30101. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 0630-2000. Phone: 598-8771

Hanchey Airfield—Bldg. 50101. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 0630-1400 & 1600-2000. Phone: 598-5279

Shell Field Heliport—Bldg. 60102. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 0630-1400. Phone: 348-2920

Burger King

Burger King—Bldg. 4300. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 0700-2000; Sat., 0800-1800; Sun., 1100-1600. Phone: 503-9044, ext. 220

Burger King Express—Bldg. 6600. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 0900-1700. Phone: 503-9338, ext. 115

Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop has admirably served Fort Rucker and the surrounding community for over 42 years. The Thrift Shop raises funds for worthy causes through the sale of consigned and donated merchandise such as used clothing, toys, jewelry, books, house wares, furniture, and electronics. Over the years, many organizations have benefited from its financial support. Some of these organizations include the D.A.R.E. program, Holiday Food baskets, the community Library, the A.F.T.B. program, and the Scouting programs. The Thrift Shop also awards scholarships to deserving

students and donates merchandise to the local DAV, the Wiregrass Emergency Pregnancy Service, Relay for Life and many other organizations.

The Thrift Shop is completely dependent on the support and generosity of volunteers and donors. Help is always welcome and much needed in all aspects of the shop. Volunteers' price donations, tag them, and place them on the sales floor. Other volunteers work in the Consignment area receiving consignments. Donations arrive daily, so there is always work to be done sorting, tagging and moving donations to the floor. If volunteering is not possible, consider donating items or stopping by and shopping at the Thrift Shop. There are many wonderful treasures to be found. Make a difference in the community.

Donate, volunteer, and shop at your Thrift Shop. The Thrift Shop is located on Gladiator Street, Bldg 3904, across from the Post Office. We are open Wed. through Fri. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Consignments hours are Wed.s from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Thurs.s from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information on volunteering, donating merchandise or consigning items please call 255-9595.

Medical Care

Lyster Army Medical Clinic

Lyster Army Medical Clinic provides primary care and ancillary services to a military population that consists of active duty service members, their Families, a large retiree population and their Family members. The clinic, fully accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, is located at Bldg. 301, Andrews Ave.

Department of Primary Care. The Department of Primary Care serves as the Primary Care Managers for TRICARE Prime beneficiaries. Individuals are assigned to a provider within the Department of Primary Care. Appointments

are scheduled with the primary care manager by calling the Patient Appointment Line at 334-255-7000. Every attempt will be made to schedule your appointment with your primary care manager. However, if an appointment is not available with your primary care manager and there is a medical necessity for patient to be seen, an appointment will be given with someone else in the clinic.

Aviation Medicine Clinic. All active duty service members are assigned to the Aviation Medicine Clinic as their primary care manager. The Aviation Medicine Clinic hosts Sick Call Mon.-Fri. from 0615 until 0715 (Must bring DD 689, Individual Sick Slip). Personnel in the ranks of COL and above, CW5, SGM/CSM, Unit Commanders and 1SG's may call the clinic during Sick Call hours at 255-7894 for an available appointment. Acute appointment needs will have priority during sick call hours and the Triage Nurse will determine the timeliness of medical care needs based upon the problem and situation. Patients 15 minutes late for their appointment will be considered as a No Show. Scheduled appointment cancellations must be done at least 24 hours before the appointment date.

Physical Exams Clinic. The Physical Exams Section performs all physicals for active duty Soldiers including flight physicals, over 40 physicals, fitness for duty and retirement physicals. Part II physicals are scheduled upon completion of Part I, however, all required testing and any paper work that is required by AR 40-501 and AR 40-8 must be completed prior to Part II physical appointment. Flight personnel are reminded that a 90-day window exist for completion of Part I and Part II flight physicals. Comprehensive FDMEs and annual FDHSs are synchronized with the birth month. Army regulations allow for a generous birth month window that encompasses the "3-month period preceding the end of the birth month." In other words, it includes the birth month plus the two previous months. All exams taken within this period are considered to have been taken within the birth month and will be good to the end of the birth month of the following year. Example: A Soldier born in July may begin his FDME/FDHS 3 months prior to 31 July. That means he can start the process on 1 May and he must complete it no later than 31 July. By the same token, if he completes it in May it will still be valid until the last day of July in the following year. All exams taken within this period are considered to have been taken within the birth month."

For the Part I physical, you MUST fast 12 hours prior to appointment. The uniform is PT or other comfortable clothing. If your medical record is not at Lyster Army Health Clinic, you MUST bring it with you.

Emergency Medical Services. Individuals requiring emergency medical care should report to the nearest emergency room or call 911. Four hospitals with excellent



Lyster Army Health Clinic provides care to the Fort Rucker Community.

emergency care surround Fort Rucker. The hospitals are Medical Center Enterprise, Dale Medical Center, Flowers Hospital and Southeast Alabama Medical Center. Maps to these hospitals are located are available at Lyster Army Health Clinic's Website at www.rucker.amedd.army.mil <file://www.rucker.amedd.army.mil. The TRICARE contractor, Humana Military Healthcare Services pays emergency medical claims based on the diagnosis by the local civilian emergency rooms. Should the visit to an emergency room be a true emergency, loss of life, limb or eyesight, a referral from the primary care manager is not required. Should the emergency room not code the visit as an emergency, an appeal may be filed with Humana Military Healthcare Services for payment.

Specialty Appointments. The TRICARE Service Center (Humana Military Healthcare Services) has a large provider network for specialty medical care when required by our patients. The Primary Care Manager will initiate a referral that will be mailed along with an authorization letter with provider names, addresses and phone numbers with the number of visits authorized. You may schedule your specialty appointments with the civilian provider following the guidance that is given in the authorization letter.

Ancillary Services. The laboratory and pharmacy services are available to all categories of beneficiaries. The radiology and physical therapy services are available to active duty service members and TRICARE prime beneficiaries. If you are requesting laboratory or x-ray services, you will need written doctors orders defining the type of test you require and a diagnosis.

The Pharmacy accepts all prescriptions and will fill them if the medication is available on the Lyster formulary. The network pharmacy providers and the mail order pharmacy program are available for prescriptions not on the Lyster formulary.

The Physical Therapy Clinic manages referrals from

Lyster Primary Care Managers. A staff member from the Physical Therapy Clinic will contact you with your appointment.

Health and Wellness Center. The Health and Wellness Center provides a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary tobacco cessation program. Strategies and information are provided in a group setting. New classes begin frequently.

All new Soldiers to Fort Rucker are required to in-process at the Medical-in Processing Center at the Soldiers Service Center. In-processing takes place at 0730 each Wed.. Appointments are not required for this in-processing.

Nutrition Clinic. The Nutrition Clinic, open from 0730-1615 Mon. through Fri., provides the information and tools to make sound nutrition decisions for readiness now and disease control and prevention in the future.

Children in the hospital. Parents are asked to bring children to the clinic only when the child has an appointment. Children accompanying parents to appointments could cause the child to be in contact with a communicable disease.

Enrollment in TRICARE Prime. Active duty service members are required to enroll in TRICARE Prime. All other beneficiaries are highly encouraged to enroll into TRICARE Prime to ensure priority for services available through the clinic. Beneficiaries electing to remain in TRICARE Standard will receive care in the clinic on a space available basis. Space available care is very limited in all primary care clinics and the ancillary clinics.

Enrollment into the TRICARE Prime option is available through the TRICARE Service Center located within the Lyster Army Health Clinic. Hours of operation for the TRICARE Service Center are 0730 – 1615, Mon. through Fri.



Flatiron medic is lowered to crash site.

Eligibility. All clinical services are required to confirm a patient's eligibility for care by reviewing the patient's valid identification card. Children 10 and older must present their ID card even when accompanied by a parent with identification. Additionally, parents must be enrolled in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS). Service members may enroll their Families in DEERS by visiting the ID Card Section located in the Soldiers Service Center.

Individuals must be enrolled in the Composition Health Care System (CHCS) in the clinic. This computer database allows the provider to order medications, x-ray testing, laboratory testing, and referrals for specialists as well as initiating the electronic medical record. You may visit the Patient Administration Division, Lyster Army Health Clinic to enroll your Family into the CHCS computer database program.

Patient Representative. The commander and staff at Lyster Army Health Clinic want to provide you with quality medical care in a customer-oriented atmosphere.

If you feel this is not being achieved, you are invited to contact the Patient Representative at 255-7337/7229 or on the Website www.rucker.amedd.army.mil.

Patient Appointments. Phone 255-7000 to schedule patient appointments in the Lyster Army Health Clinic. The Website is www.tricareonline.com.

TRICARE online is a Department of Defense Program that has been used at military facilities to enable military beneficiaries to schedule their medical appointments on the Internet.



Fort Rucker Clinics provide top-notch care.

If you do not have a password to this Website, you will be prompted to gain a password when you log onto the homepage. Use of TRICARE online enables you to schedule medical appointments at any time within the military system

Community Hospitals. Several TRICARE network hospitals are in the Wiregrass. Please refer to the record listing for addresses and phone numbers.

Dale Medical Center

100 Hospital Ave.
Ozark, AL 36330
(334) 774-2601

Proximity to site: 15 miles

Comments: TRICARE Network Hospital,
General Admission

Flowers Hospital

Highway 84 W.
Dothan, AL 36303
(334) 793-5000

Proximity to site: 25 miles

Comments: TRICARE Network Hospital,
General Admission and Trauma

Medical Center Enterprise

400 N. Edwards St.
Enterprise, AL 36330
(334) 347-0584

Proximity to site: 15 miles

Comments: TRICARE Network Hospital,
General Admission

Southeast Alabama Medical Center

Highway 84 E. and Ross Clark Circle
Dothan, AL 36303
(334) 793-8111

Proximity to site: 30 miles

Comments: TRICARE Network Hospital,
General Admission and Trauma

Dental Care

The Fort Rucker Dental Clinic Command is an organizational element of Fort Benning, Ga., Dental Activity. It provides dental examinations, treatment, and consultations for active duty service members.

Other than active duty (OTAD), patients will receive care on a stand-by basis.

The TRICARE Active Duty Family Member Dental Plan covers Family members of active duty. Emergency care (relief from swelling, severe pain, trauma, or bleeding) will be provided for OTAD patients at all times.

During normal duty hours, this treatment will be provided at Brown Dental Clinic, Bldg. 4405 on 5th Ave. and 12th St.



Regular dental checkups are the key to good oral health.

Active duty service members are seen at Brown Dental Clinic. Routine dental services are given Mon.-Fri. 0730 - 1615 by appointment, unless otherwise posted.

For information and routine appointments, phone the Brown Dental Clinic, 255-3393.

Military personnel can request after hours emergency dental care by contacting the Triage Nurse at 255-7151.

Veterinary Care

The Fort Rucker Veterinary Services, part of the Gulf Coast District Veterinary Command, has the food inspection mission of providing food hygiene, safety and quality assurance to protect the health of military personnel from food-borne illnesses.

The Veterinary Treatment Facility, Bldg. 9402 on Dust Off Street, has pets available for adoption and provides limited outpatient services for privately owned animals.

Privately owned animals are examined, immunized, and treated for diseases that may be transmitted to humans and cause a health problem for the military community.

All animals housed on post must be registered at the VTF within three days of arrival and must be micro chipped.

Pets are seen by appointment only and must be preregistered. Phone 255-9061 from 0800-1600, Mon. through Fri. The facility is closed the last working day of each month for inventory. Services are provided to active duty Soldiers, retirees, reservists on orders for active duty 72 hours or more, and Family members.

U.S. Army School of Aviation Medicine

The U.S. Army School of Aviation Medicine (USASAM), a satellite campus of the Army Medical Department Center and School, is the Army's center for all rotary wing aeromedical training for aviators and aeromedical personnel.

USASAM, a tenant within the U.S. Army Aeromedical Center, supports readiness of the warfighter through training. Using the latest technology, USASAM has pioneered the use of distance learning and has state-of-the-art classrooms to enhance learning.

USASAM operates the only altitude (hypobaric) training chamber and Reduced Oxygen Breathing Device (ROBD) in the U.S. Army. This training allows Soldiers to experience hypoxia symptoms in a safe low risk environment, and teaches them to react accordingly.

USASAM provides aeromedical instruction to Army Medical Department students and supports the U.S. Army Aviation Warfighting Center (USAAWC) by providing platform instruction on aeromedical subjects to include aviation medicine orientation, altitude physiology, introduction to the visual systems, night vision, toxicology, aviation protective equipment, stress and fatigue, gravitational forces, noise and vibration in aviation, and spatial disorientation.

USASAM uses video teletraining, computer, and Web based training to improve Soldier and unit readiness while decreasing the cost for the training for the Army.

USASAM's curriculum includes Academy of Health Science courses that train Army flight surgeons, flight medics, registered nurses, evacuation personnel and aviation clinical psychologists from all three military services, the Coast Guard, and foreign medical personnel. Successful completion of these courses results in the award of either an AOC or a skill identifier for the student.

USASAM hosts the Operational Aeromedical Problems Course every two years for active and reserve flight surgeons and aeromedical physician assistants. This course provides refresher training and provides a forum to discuss and distribute changes in aviation medicine. USASAM evaluates its training and the Army's Aviation Medicine Program in FORSCOM and TRADOC aviation units by serving as the proponent of the Aviation Medicine portion of the Aviation Resource Management Survey (ARMS) program, and by providing inspectors for the ARMS.

The USASAM home page is at <https://usasam.amedd.army.mil> and the AKO portal is <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/385506>.

For more information, phone 334-255-7409.

Directorate of Medevac Proponency

To support the Soldier and other patients, AMEDD Center and School manages the responsibilities associated with medical evacuation, including organization, doctrine, concepts and material.

Flatiron. "Flatiron," the supporting Air Ambulance Detachment of the Aviation Training Brigade, provides crash rescue and medical evacuation to support aviation training.

Flatiron uses its helicopters for patient transfer to hospitals in the Southeastern United States and participates in the Military Assistance to Safety and Traffic Program.

Call 255-8535 for more information.

Chaplain

The chaplains and staff at Fort Rucker promote religious life by providing religious activities and programs, pastoral care, pastoral counseling, and other religious ceremonies such as baptisms, marriage, and funerals.

The Fort Rucker community is cordially invited to share in and benefit from these rich, spiritual activities.



Chaplain prays for deploying Soldiers' safety.

Worship Services

(Except as noted, all services are on Sun.)

Main Post Chapel (Bldg. 8940)

0800.....	Collective Protestant
1100.....	Collective Protestant
1730.....	"Wed. Night Live" (Wed's)
0930.....	Catholic Mass
1715.....	Catholic Mass (Mon.-Thurs.)
1600.....	Catholic Confessions (Sat's)
1700.....	Catholic Mass (Sat's)

Chapel of Wings (Bldg. 109)

0900.....	Contemporary Praise and Worship Service
1100.....	Contemporary Praise and Worship Service

Spiritual Life Center (Bldg. 8939)
0930..... Protestant Sun. School
1045..... CCD (except during summer months)

Bldg. 5914 (Bus pickup at 0800)
0900..... Latter-day Saints (Ozark LDS Church) Bldg. 6609
Noon..... Islamic Worship Service (Fri's)

The weekly Wed. evening service, "Wed. Night Live," is a lively, informal service which offers an inspirational message each week which will help you to walk in the spirit and become a victorious believer.

Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. and the service begins at 6:00 p.m. During the service, we have times of Praise & Worship including the classic hymns of the chapel. Come and experience the beauty and power of prayer. For more information, call the Main Post Chapel, 255-3140/3050.

Phone references:

Chapel of Wings
Chapel 255-9221
Chapel Annex NCOIC 255-2051

Installation Chaplain's Office
Chaplain's Office 255-2989

Main Post Chapel
Chapel NCOIC 255-3050
Catholic Pastoral Office 255-9894
Senior Catholic Chaplain 255-3642
Senior Protestant Chaplain 255-9893

Spiritual Life Center
CCD/Sun. School (info) 255-3946
Director of Religious Ed 255-3946
Youth Director 255-9995

Points of Contact:
Islamic 255-2717
Latter-day Saints 255-4359

U.S. Army Aviation Museum

The U.S. Army Aviation Museum, Bldg. 6000 on the corner of Andrews Ave. and Novosel St., houses exhibits that illustrate the history of Army Aviation from a replica of the B-model Military Flyer built by the Wright Brothers to the latest in helicopter technology.

The museum collection contains more than 160 aircraft, including on of the largest helicopter collections in the world.

The museum also has nearly four thousand items in the historical property collection. The museum reference library has more than 1,000 technical and field manuals, more than 2,000 films, an aviation history reference section of several hundred books and periodicals, and about 95,000



The main post chapel serves Fort Rucker's spiritual needs.

photographs. Aviation students, researchers and authors may use the museum's reference collection by appointment only.

Included in the 45 aircraft on public exhibit are the R-4, the Army's first helicopter; the Curtiss JN-4D; the 1918 Nieuport 28-C; several Vietnam-era helicopters, and prototypes of the current AH-64 Apache and UH-60 Black Hawk.

The Army Aviation Museum is one of the premier tourist attractions in the state. Since opening its doors in 1956, the museum has welcomed more than one million visitors.

The museum is open to the public 360 days a year at no charge for admission. The hours are 0900 – 1600 Mon. thru Sat. and 1200 – 1600 Sun.

For information about holiday closures write to U.S. Army Aviation Museum, P.O. Box 620610, Fort Rucker, AL 36362-0610

Visit the Web site at www.armyavnmuseum.org. For information about group tours call 598-2508.

Aviation Learning Center

The Aviation Learning Center, located in Bldg. 9204, 5th Ave., is open to active duty Soldiers and DOD Civilians. In addition, adult Family members of active duty Soldiers may use the ALC on a space available basis. Computer and Internet access is provided for government use only to active



The Army Aviation Museum provides visitors a link to the past.

duty personnel and DOD civilians with common access cards.

The Aviation Learning Center supports in-resident training programs with individual MOS instructor aid. Services include:

- Advanced aircraft interactive multimedia instruction (IMI) rooms -AMPS/Falcon View computers -Computers to support training
- Cockpit trainers for start-up procedures
- Video tapes/DVD's of academic classes
- 8MM players for AH-64 flight review
- Cutting and light boards for map preparation
- Rooms for group study
- CD-ROM reference information sources
- Flight planning room with tactical map and FLIP material
- Official publications (current FM, TM, AR, TB, TC and FAA materials)
- MicroSim for flight maneuver training
- Reference manuals to support flight training
- Training aids to support aircraft maintenance and pilot training

The ALC is a unique study facility that provides enhancement instruction by on-site training instructors in rotary-wing aviation and aviation maintenance. The ALC reinforces in-resident training programs with computer support, aviation reference, training aids, and aircraft interactive multimedia instruction.

Study materials include videotape and DVDs of academic classes, publications, interactive multimedia instruction (IMI), and programmed texts. Specific study areas have been designated for flight planning, map preparation, IMI, and independent study. Additional computers are loaded with AMPS mission planning software, and other aviation related materials.

The Aviation Learning Center also maintains many static and active cockpit procedure trainers to include the UH-60, CH-47, OH-58, and TH-67. These trainers assist in familiarizing students with the cockpit layout and run-up.

Operating hours are 0800-2100, Mon. through Thurs., 0800-1630 Fri. and 1215-2100 Sun..

For information, phone 255-2776 or 255-3655.

Aviation Technical Library

The Aviation Technical Library provides academic and technical library services including research assistance and interlibrary loan capability to students, staff, faculty, and tenant activities.

The library also provides in-depth information support to combat development and doctrine research. Army Aviation personnel worldwide can request information and assistance through e-mail and the Army Knowledge Online Question Point service.

Users will find current, comprehensive collections of Army publications, books, documents and periodicals about Army Aviation. The collection of more than 250,000 items also includes classified and unclassified technical reports in microfiche and electronic formats.

Study rooms are furnished for individual and group study, and a conference room, complete with internet access and SmartBoard, is available for meetings, small classes and presentations.

USAAWC active duty and civilian personnel may use the resources in the library. The general public may use all unclassified, unlimited materials in-house, subject to noninterference with USAAWC patrons and priorities imposed by the local commander. Library borrowing cards are issued to USAAWC active duty personnel and civilians.

Cards may also be issued to reservists, National Guard members and TDY personnel training at Fort Rucker, Fort Rucker contractors, Family members of active duty personnel and retirees living in the local area.

Computer and Internet access is provided for government use only to active duty personnel, DOD civilians, and authorized Fort Rucker contractors.

The Aviation Technical Library, located in Bldg. 9204 on 5th Ave., is open from 1215-2100 Sun., 0800-2100 Mon. through Thurs. and 0800-1700 Fri..

For information phone 255-3177 or 255-2944. (See also, Center Library under Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation.)

Staff and Faculty Development Branch

The Staff and Faculty Development Branch, located in Bldg. 4510, Fifth Ave., is open to active duty Soldiers, DA civilians, and contractors with permission from a government source.

Classes include the Company Commander and First

Sergeant Orientation Course and the Installation Staff Contractor Training Course. The other professional development courses include TRADOC-Approved Instructor Training, Systems Approach to Training Basic, Small Group Instructor Training, Automated Systems Approach to Training (ASAT) Individual Module, and Introduction to Interactive Multimedia Instruction courses.

ASAT Lesson Planning, Toolbook II and Designers Edge are also offered.

The SFDB offers outreach services to training developers and mentoring for personnel in Career Program 32 Training and Warfighting Developers.

Operating hours are 0730 – 1615, Mon. through Fri..

For information, phone 255-1160 or 255-3170.

Equal Employment Opportunity Office

The Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended by the Federal Equal Opportunity Act of 1972, establishes the right of equal opportunity in employment for employees, applicants or former employees. The act prohibits discrimination in employment because of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age (40 or above) reprisal, or disability. Fort Rucker fully adheres to and actively supports this program striving to promote a work environment free from discrimination. The EEO Office is the proponent for Prevention of Sexual Harassment and Diversity training for DA civilians.

Equal Employment Opportunity Programs include the processing of discrimination complaints, affirmative employment programs and the special emphasis program.

The EEO Office, located in Room 260 of the Soldiers Service Center serves Fort Rucker, an Equal Employment Opportunity employer.

For information, phone 255-2240.

Special Emphasis Program

EEO manages the Special Emphasis Program that sponsors a variety of projects on and off post.

The annual Women's History Month/Women of the Year Awards Celebration and the Fort Rucker Outstanding Individual with a Disability Awards program recognize individuals who have demonstrated outstanding service, professionalism, and selflessness.

SEP sponsors ongoing community projects to assist non-profit/charitable organizations. Some of the organizations the SEP have been involved with are the House of Ruth, the Red Cross, the Fort Rucker Food Locker and Vivian B. Adams school.

For more information, phone 255-2061.

Professional Organizations

Fort Rucker military and civilian personnel are fortunate to



Special Emphasis Programs enhance the quality of everyone's life.

have the opportunity to participate in and become active in organizations that benefit the total Army Family.

Association of the United States Army

The Fort Rucker –Wiregrass Chapter of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) is a private, non-profit organization that supports national defense, the men and women who serve and keeping Fort Rucker strong in the community.

AUSA is the only professional organization that addresses Soldiers' pay and benefits. The AUSA "Bill of Rights," supports the total Army, including active reserves, Army National Guard, Department of Army civilians and their families.

For information, visit the Web site at www.ausa.org

Army Aviation Association of America

The Army Aviation Association of America is a non-profit organization that promotes fellowship and general knowledge among military and civilian persons whose past or current duties affiliate them with the field of U.S. Army Aviation.

Local chapter membership now totals more than 1,700 members and new members are welcome.

For information, visit the Web site at www.quad-a.org

Combined Federal Campaign

The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) gives military and civilian employees the opportunity to donate to local charities and organizations in the Wiregrass.

CFC is the only authorized agency to solicit donations, either by a one-time donation or through payroll deductions from federal employees at their workplace.

The campaign is conducted during October every year. The CFC Bus Tour, open to military and civilian employees, visits several Wiregrass charitable organizations that receive help from the Fort Rucker CFC.

For information, phone 255-9261.



Training tomorrow's leaders today.

1st Aviation Brigade (Golden Hawks)

The 1st Aviation Brigade commands four distinctly different battalions, each with a unique mission - the 1st Battalion, 13th Aviation Regiment; the 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment; 1st Battalion, 210th Aviation Regiment; and the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Training Battalion at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. Additionally, 1st Aviation Brigade commands the U.S. Army's Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape Level C Training Detachment.

Along with its many command responsibilities, logistical support requirements, and administrative duties, the brigade's primary mission is to train and develop future aviation warfighting leaders.

Including the lessons learned from deployed units, instructors and cadre write, review, and coordinate Army Aviation combined arms doctrine for aviation units below brigade level.

The course curriculum consists of a wide range of professional military education subjects, with emphasis on combined arms battlefield integration.

The tactical training is further reinforced with state-of-the-art simulation, allowing students to assume various command and staff positions at all command levels while fighting simulated battles throughout a wide spectrum of tactical scenarios.

Equally important is the initial entry training taught to entry level Aviation Branch Soldiers. IET teaches fundamental skills for Soldiers to perform their occupational specialties in an aviation unit.

1-13th Aviation Regiment

The 1st Battalion, 13th Aviation Regiment manages new recruits fresh out of basic training here to receive their

military occupational specialty identifier before reporting to their first duty station. The battalion orchestrates and implements the majority of enlisted training at Fort Rucker.

Courses of instruction include Utility Helicopter Repairer 15M, Observation Helicopter Repairer 15V, Air Traffic Control Specialist 15Q, Aviation Operations Specialist 15P, and the Aircraft Pneudraulics Systems Repairer Course 15H. Additionally, the battalion teaches and certifies aviation life support equipment technicians.

The curriculum encompasses job skills training, physical training, common task training, and military customs and courtesies. Training for the ATC students is further enhanced through virtual simulation. The battalion also provides operational and administrative support for graduate level aviation students returning for advanced aircraft transitions and all international students here for flight training.

The Headquarters and Headquarters Company manages the Enhanced Tower Simulator (ETOS), the newest and most advanced air traffic control simulator in the U.S. Army.

The ETOS gives ATC students a realistic experience of what it is like inside an ATC tower. As the primary trainer for the tower phase of ATC training in the Army, ETOS is used to train Soldiers in initial entry training on how to safely and expeditiously move aircraft to, from, and through designated airspace in a simulated, virtual environment.

Most of the training uses virtual landscape with high fidelity images of aircraft and the airfield, including the runway, hangars, nearby trees, and ground vehicles. The weather system, vehicles, stars, lights, sun, and rain are just like the real thing, and voice recognition software helps students to learn.

ETOS can simulate almost every aircraft in the U.S.



1-13th Avn. Rgt. trains the Army's ATC personnel.

military inventory and civilian commercial aircraft. The ETOS training at Fort Rucker can apply to ATC operations at military airfields or civilian airports worldwide.

1-145th Aviation Regiment

The 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment focuses on leader development and professional education of branch officers and warrant officers.

Courses include the Aviation Basic Officer Leadership Course and Captain's Career Course for branch officers; the Warrant Officer Basic Course and Advanced Course for warrant officers; Maintenance Manager's Course; Maintenance Leader's Course; Aviation Tactical Operations Officer Course; Helicopter Overwater Survival Course, Aviation Pre-Command Course for lieutenant colonels and colonels slated to take command of a battalion or brigade; and the management of all branch and warrant officers during their attendance of the initial entry rotary-wing flight training course.

Small group instruction is provided in a classroom environment. Field exercises include troop leading procedures, safety, and tactical and technical aspects involving employment of aviation assets as part of the total combined arms force.

Use of advanced constructive simulation tools, such as JANUS and brigade and battalion simulation in the Seneff Aviation Warfighting Simulation Center, enhances the student officer's battle staff skills. Use of state-of-the-art virtual flight simulators in the Aviation Test Bed offers junior aviation leaders the opportunity to develop air battle command skills.

Pilots and crew members receive training about aircraft ditching and underwater egress survival techniques. Pilot and crew members train with a device that dunks individuals underwater, so the know how to react during an emergency.



Field training exercises prepare Soldiers for downrange readiness.

1-210th Aviation Regiment

The 1-210th Aviation Regiment supports activities to benefit Fort Rucker and the Wiregrass, thereby helping to increase the quality of life for Soldiers, civilians, and their Families.

The battalion's five companies, HHC, A Co., B-46th, 6th MP Detachment, and the 98th Army Band plan community events, such as the Aviation Conference, Army Emergency Relief Fund Campaign, Independence Day Celebration, and Armed Forces Day Air Show.

The battalion's 6th Military Police Detachment and B Company, 46th Engineering Battalion are often deployed for combat operations.

Fort Rucker's military and civilian firefighters are assigned under the 6th MP Detachment.

Local national guard and reserve units depend on the battalion to ease transition to and from active duty after their tours.

Fort Rucker's 98th Army Band "Silver Wings" is assigned under the 1-210th Aviation Regiment.

98th Army "Silver Wings" Band



The 98th Army Band rocks the Wiregrass.

The 98th Army "Silver Wings" Band has a variety of performing groups that include the Concert Band, "Jazz Aviators" Stage Band, Marching Band, Dixieland Band, Brass Quintet, Jazz Combo and the Rock Band "Crossfire."

On post, the Silver Wings Band has performed for annual holiday concerts at the Post Theater, July 4th Freedom Fests, change of command, Easter Sunrise Services on Howze Field, Nation Prayer Breakfasts, graduation ceremonies at the Army Aviation Museum, Installation Tree Lighting Ceremonies, Heritage



Aviators proudly display aircraft to community members at special events here.

Month observances in Aviators' Landing, Memorial Day Ceremonies at Veterans' Park and Bldg. dedications.

The band performs for annual banquets for the Association of the U.S. Army and the Army Aviation Association of America.

Off post, the Silver Wings Band has performed for holiday concerts at the Marina Civic Center in Panama City, FL; holiday parades throughout Alabama and Northwest Florida; civic functions throughout the Wiregrass and educational tours coordinated with recruiting battalions.

Additionally, the Silver Wings Band performs jointly with Army Reserve bands, individual singers and choral groups in the Wiregrass and throughout Alabama and Florida.

For more information, call 255-9202.

110th Aviation Training Brigade

110th Aviation Training Brigade conducts all flight training at Fort Rucker and consists of a Headquarters and Headquarters Company, academics section, night vision device section, and four subordinate battalions:

1st Battalion, 14th Aviation Regiment, Hanchey Army Heliport.

1st Battalion, 223rd Aviation Regiment, Cairns Army Airfield and Knox Army Heliport.

1st Battalion, 212th Aviation Regiment, Lowe and Shell Field Army Heliports.

Helicopter School Battalion (HSB), Lowe and Shell Field Army Heliports.

Initial Entry Rotary Wing

The traditional initial entry rotary-wing flight training model is 32 weeks and consists of four phases.

First phase consists of two weeks of preflight instruction, providing the students with knowledge of basic flight control relationships, aerodynamics, weather, and start-up procedures.

Second phase, consisting of ten weeks and 60 flight hours in the TH-67 Creek training helicopter, is the primary phase. In this phase, students learn the basic fundamentals of flight; make their first solo flights; learn to perform approaches and basic stagefield maneuvers; and then progress to more complex emergency procedure training, slopes, and confined area operations.

Third phase is eight weeks of instrument training, including 30 hours in the flight simulator

on the main post and 20 hours in the TH-67. The student progresses from basic instrument procedures to navigation on federal airways using FAA en route controlling agencies. Upon successful completion of this phase, the students are instrument qualified and receive a helicopter instrument rating upon graduation.

Fourth phase of training is the combat skills and dual track phase. It is combat-mission oriented and trains the student pilot in the OH-58 A/C as an aeroscout helicopter pilot. The 1-212th Aviation Battalion teaches both tracks that include extensive night vision goggles training and tactical night operations.

Upon graduation, the students will have accumulated 179 hours of flight instruction, totaling 149 in an aircraft and 30 in a simulator.

Advanced Graduate Flight Training

Advanced graduate flight training is specialized training where students become qualified in the AH-64A, AH-64D, CH-47D, OH58D, UH-60A, or learn to become a fixed-wing pilot.

Future Flight School XXI, scheduled for full implementation by 2007, consists of five phases of flight training.

First phase consists of two weeks of preflight instruction, providing the students with knowledge of basic flight control relationships, aerodynamics, weather, and start-up procedures.

Second phase, consisting of eight weeks and 49.5 flight hours in the TH-67 Creek training helicopter and 7.5 hours

in new state of the art TH-67 simulators located in Warrior Hall, is the primary phase taught by 1-223rd. In this phase, students learn the basic fundamentals of flight; make their first solo flights; learn to perform approaches and basic stagefield maneuvers; and then progress to more complex emergency procedure training, slopes, and confined area operations.

Third phase is six weeks of instrument training, also taught by 1-223rd, including 30 hours in the new state of the art simulators and 13 hours in the TH-67. The student progresses from basic instrument procedures to navigation and approaches on federal airways using FAA en route controlling agencies.

Fourth phase of training is the basic navigation and night vision goggles familiarization phase consisting of four weeks and 9.1 hours of navigation training, 1.5 simulator hours and 15.6 N/NVG hours. The 1-212th Aviation Battalion teaches this training phase for student pilots in the TH-67.

Fifth phase is the advanced aircraft qualification. Courses for the UH-60A, AH-64D, OH-58D, and CH-47D range from about 14 to 23 weeks in training. National Guard student pilots may also attend the AH-64A Aircraft Qualification Course. All of the aircraft have brand new, state of the art simulators in Warrior Hall.

The balance of the training will be conducted in the student pilot's "Go to War" aircraft, better preparing them for the field, and giving the commanders in the field aviators who are better trained after arriving from flight school.

To bridge the gap between traditional flight school and Future Flight School XXI, a third interim model combines elements of both courses of instruction. All three models will be taught at Fort Rucker until fiscal year 2007 when the last traditional IERW students graduate from their advanced aircraft training.

The Aviation Training Brigade trains nearly 4,000 aviators annually, including nearly 400 are from foreign countries.



Graduate training ensures Aviation Warfighters are tactically and technically proficient.



Soldiers perfect marksmanship skills.

The Headquarters and Headquarters Company oversees the brigade headquarters management, the Night Vision Device Branch, and the Aviation Academics Section.

The 1st Battalion, 14th Aviation Battalion conducts pilot and instructor pilot training in the OH-58D (I) Kiowa Warrior, AH-64A Apache, and AH-64D Longbow Apache. Additionally, the battalion operates the Molinelli Aerial Gunnery Range Complex.

The 1st Battalion, 212th Aviation's home bases are Lowe and Shell Field Army Heliports. The battalion conducts OH-58A/C qualification, night vision goggles qualification, instructor pilot qualification, UH-60 qualification, UH-60 instructor pilot training, UH-60 non-rated crewmember training, and UH-60 Flight School XXI training.

They also conduct courses in support of EURO-NATO and Foreign Military Training.

The 1st Battalion, 223rd Aviation's home base is Cairns Army Airfield with a satellite mission at Knox Army Heliport. The battalion conducts IERW, CH-47D qualification, instructor pilot qualification, and the

enlisted flight engineer instructor course. They also conduct the maintenance test pilot courses for all active duty Army rotary-wing aircraft.

Additionally, the battalion serves as the contractor evaluator and monitors student training for courses taught by civilian contractor personnel. This includes helicopters and all fixed-wing training.

The Helicopter School Battalion provides helicopter flight and maintenance training in the Spanish language to students from Latin America and Caribbean countries. The HSB assists the aviation forces of Latin American nations to develop aviation employment doctrine, aircrew training, and maintenance management programs.

It provides subject matter experts and mobile training teams to Latin American countries to support USSOUTHCOM initiatives.

Noncommissioned Officers Academy

The NCO Academy conducts Basic and Advanced NCO course that provide Aviation NCOs with opportunities to demonstrate and practice what they learn in a fast paced atmosphere.

The NCO Academy staff, made up only of NCOs, is structured with a Command Sergeant Major as the Commandant, a First Sergeant as the Assistant Commandant, Operations and Maintenance Branch Chiefs, an Operations NCOIC with administrative and logistical personnel, and a Development Cell for writing lesson plans and programs of instruction.

The NCO Academy performs the functions associated with a battalion-size unit. This includes administrative operations, training, supply, and security with responsibility for the health, welfare, morale, and discipline of students attending the NCO Academy.

The Basic NCO Course is divided into two phases of training.

Phase I training covers the theory and principles of common leader subjects and common leader training. This training, developed by the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy, is conducted throughout the Army for all NCOs.

Phase II training, which is primarily performance oriented, involves practical application in a branch or MOS environment, to include common aviation subjects and MOS specific subjects that reinforce tasks taught in Phase I.

The Advanced NCO Course consists of a single phase of training that is performance oriented and focused on supervisory skills.

Students are required to complete Common Leaders Combat Skills training before they graduate.

The NCO Academy provides the Aviation Branch NCOs realistic training to prepare them to be technically and tactically qualified to assume leadership positions and to challenge them to lead by example.

The NCO Academy places NCOs in leadership positions under various conditions to evaluate their leadership abilities. The academy graduates only NCOs who meet or exceed Army standards, and who can demonstrate the capability and desire to lead, as well as the potential and motivation to succeed as NCOs.

For more information, phone 255-3352.

Aviation Branch Personnel Proponency Office

Aviation Proponency manages the personnel life cycle management functions for aviation officers (commissioned and warrant), enlisted Soldiers, and civilian personnel in aviation career fields. These management functions include structure, accession, professional development, individual training and education, distribution, unit deployment, sustainment, and separation.

AP coordinates with other staff proponents, service schools, agencies, and major Army commands on training, combat development, and resource management. AP identifies and defines developmental needs and provides assistance to improve the personnel management system.

AP handles all aviation officer (commissioned and warrant) assignments for USAAWC.

For more information, call 255-2359.

Air Traffic Services Command

Air Traffic Services Command, activated in August 2003, is a new U.S. Army Forces Command comprised of the 1st Battalion, 11th Aviation Regiment (ATC); 1st Battalion, 58th Air Traffic Services Battalion; and F Company, 58th Aviation Regiment.

ATSCOM serves as the Aviation Branch proponent for tactical and fixed-base ATC management, evaluation, and fixed-base requirements for specific ATC systems. It supports tactical and fixed-base ATC operations, units, facilities, personnel, and systems throughout the Army.

ATSCOM provides airspace and air traffic services to major Army commands, Army warfighters, and installations in the national and international airspace environments around the world.

For more information, phone 255-3007.

1st Battalion, 11th Aviation Regiment

The 1st Battalion, 11th Aviation Regiment, located on the main post, manages the air traffic control services and flight simulator support for the USAAWC rotary- and fixed-wing training mission and the National Airspace System.

The 1-11th operates 22 air traffic control facilities, including an aerial gunnery range complex, a centralized flight operations center, and 92 navigational aids covering a

radius of about 100 miles.

Here, the 1-11th supports the NAS by operating the Cairns Army Radar Approach Control (ARAC) that provides radar service to several municipal airports, as well as to Army airfields. More support is given to the NAS at the Troy and Andalusia-Opp Municipal Airports by ground control approach radars, navigational aids, and control towers.

597th Ordnance (Maintenance) Company

597th Ordnance (Maintenance) Company, located at Fort Rucker, is the only company of its kind within the Army. They repair tactical ATS equipment at a general and limited-depot level maintenance for 28 units worldwide. The unit's mission is as follows: On order, deploy a Special Repair Activity (SRA) and/or Mobile Maintenance Contact Team (MMCT) in support of Worldwide Contingency Operations; provide General Support (GS) and Limited Depot Level maintenance for tactical Air Traffic Services (ATS) systems throughout the Army and National Guard; and operate an ATS specific Supply Support Activity (SSA). Call 255-2103 for more information.

TRADOC System Managers

TSM-Reconnaissance / Attack performs as the Army's centralized manager for all combat development user activities associated with current (Kiowa Warrior, the Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter, and the Longbow Apache), and future aviation reconnaissance and attack aircraft. The TSM is the user advocate and interfaces directly with the program/project manager to ensure user requirements are met and the weapon system capability is expeditiously delivered to the field, along with associated training and logistics support. S TSM Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Systems (UAVS) provide a total centralized system management and integration of doctrine, organization, training, materiel, leadership, education, personnel, and facilities for all UAVS. The TSM-UAVS represents Hunter, Shadow, Raven, extended range multi-purpose, and future UAVS.

The TSM Lift will perform as the Army's centralized manager for all combat development user activities associated with cargo, utility, and fixed-wing aviation platforms, mission equipment, and weapons systems.



Combat skills are stressed at every level of training.

Directorate of Public Safety and Provost Marshal

Dial 911 in an emergency or 255-2222 for assistance.

The Directorate of Public Safety conducts law enforcement operations, anti-terrorism and force protection operations, fire emergency response, and crash rescue support on Fort Rucker.

Fort Rucker military police do more than law enforcement. For example, they assist military personnel, civilians, visitors, and Families on post around the clock; help individuals locked out of Family housing, aid stranded motorists, and participate in community services and activities.

Appropriately, the DPS motto is entitled the "Guardians."

The Community Police Section educates community youth on protecting themselves from molestation and abduction, conducts drug awareness training, and conducts an annual bicycle rodeo to stress bicycle safety and update on-post bicycle registration.

Through operation IDENT-A-KID, the Community Police provides parents with photographs and fingerprint cards of their children. The community police are dedicated to the on-post housing areas where they work with mayors, parents, children, and the chain-of-command as part of the Neighborhood Watch and Officer McGruff Safe House programs.

Individuals who use or store firearms on post must register them at the MP Station, Bldg. 5001. Weapons registrations must be updated every five years. Weapons may be stored in Family housing, BOQ or BEQ, or places of storage at



Fort Rucker professionals continually train to keep our community safe.

designated firing ranges or hunting areas. Concealed weapons carried on individuals, routinely transported in vehicles, or stored in vehicles are prohibited.

Vehicle registration is mandatory. It can be completed on the first floor of the s from 0800 to 1630, Mon. through Fri.. (See Vehicle Registration section.)

Persons operating a motorcycle on Fort Rucker must complete a class endorsed by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. For more information, phone the Aviation Branch Safety Office, 255-9006. (See Vehicle Registration section.)

Other military police services include 24-hour patrolling of post, traffic enforcement, investigations, and physical security inspections.

The Fire and Emergency Services Division, the largest fire department in the Army, serves Fort Rucker, their training sites, and the Wiregrass area when communities request mutual aid and assistance.

This division provides emergency services, such as fire suppression and prevention, crash and rescue operation, hazardous material accidents, heavy extrication mission, high-angle and confined-space rescues, high-rise structure maneuvers, and advanced life support paramedic operations.

The Fire Prevention Section personnel visit the schools on and off post to show the "Little People's Fire House" and to explain fire prevention with such characters as "Smokey the Bear" and "Sparky the Dog."

Staff Judge Advocate

The personnel of the Staff Judge Advocate, Room 320, Soldiers Service Center, provides legal advice and counsel for USAAWC and tenant units. The SJA Office also provides general legal services to Soldiers and their Families.

Two divisions of the SJA Office deal directly with individual Soldiers and their Families.

The Legal Assistance Division provides legal advice to individuals on a wide variety of non-criminal legal matters, such as contracts, consumer complaints, and landlord-tenant problems. This division prepares legal documents such as wills

and powers of attorney.

During the tax season, the Legal Assistance Division helps Soldiers to prepare federal and state income tax returns. Electronic tax filing may be available for federal tax returns which expedites receipt of tax refunds.

The Claims Division processes the claims of Soldiers and civilian employees for damage to household goods during government-sponsored moves and for damage to personal property on the installation. It also processes tort claims against the government and recovers money due the government.

For more information, phone Legal Assistance, 255-3482; or the Claims Division, 255-2517.

Additionally, the Trial Defense Service, a separate tenant activity, provides defense attorneys for Soldiers faced with judicial or non-judicial proceedings, as well as defense counsel for Soldiers under investigation for alleged violations of the UCMJ. The defense counsel advises Soldiers who have administrative actions against them.

The Trial Defense Service is located in Room 230 of the Soldiers Service Center. For more information phone 255-3919.

Liaison Office

Foreign and sister-service liaison officers on post facilitate the flow of information to and from the USAAWC. This includes the exchange of information on doctrine, tactics, training, and equipment.

The liaison officers represent Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Korea, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom.

Public Affairs Office

The Fort Rucker Public Affairs Office supports the command in the areas of public information, media relations, command information, and community relations.

The PAO responds to media queries, reviews manuscripts, conducts press conferences, produces news releases and media advisories, escorts media, and assists with the dissemination of information to Soldiers and Families on post and to people living in the Wiregrass.

The Command Information Section produces the Army Flier, a 24-page weekly civilian enterprise newspaper with a circulation of 10,000; the Fort Rucker Internet site content; the Installation Guide; and Channel 6, the commander's cable access channel. The Public Affairs Office supports Community Relations that foster a positive working relationship with the people of the Wiregrass. The Community Relations Section works closely with local organizations, city and government officials, chambers of commerce, and communities surrounding Fort Rucker.

For information, phone 255-1239.

Inspector General

The Inspector General (IG) assesses and reports to the Commanding General on matters affecting the performance of the mission and state of the command to include efficiency, discipline, morale, esprit de corps, and readiness.

IGs operate within an environment consisting of commanders, Soldiers, Family members, DA civilian employees, retirees, and other civilians needing assistance with an Army matter and the IG system. The IG serves commanders and their Soldiers through the IG functions of teaching and training, inspections, investigations, and assistance.

The Inspector General Office, located in Bldg. 4102, corner of Andrews Ave. and Red Cloud Rd., phone 334-255-2118, fax 334-255-2290, is open from 0730 to 1630 Mon.-Fri..

Internal Review and Audit Compliance

The Internal Review and Audit Compliance Office, Bldg. 131, is the commander's professional audit capability.

IRAC internally audits the installation and tenant organizations to identify, analyze, and resolve known or suspected problems. IRAC performs both scheduled audits and quick-reaction reviews as requested by commanders, directors, and staff officers.

IRAC provides command liaisons and support for



DPS firefighters are Fort Rucker's first responders.

auditors who visit Fort Rucker, such as personnel from the U.S. General Accounting Office, U.S. Army Audit Agency, and the DOD Inspector General. IRAC performs follow-up audits to check on effectiveness of corrective actions.

Call 255-3057, 1059, or 3874 for more information.

Directorate of Combat Developments

Develops operational concepts; determines operational capability requirements; and shapes science and technology for Army Aviation. Develops, designs, and documents Army Aviation force structure for current and future Aviation organizations. Serves as a user representative in the acquisition process for current and future Army Aviation platforms and related systems. Conducts experimentation, data collection, and analysis to validate Army Aviation warfighting concepts / capabilities; to explore the potential of emerging science and technology initiatives; and to assess the DOTML- PF implications of Army Aviation initiatives.

Organization and Force Development develops Army Aviation organizational requirements, assesses existing force structures, and identifies deficiencies and capability gaps. Additionally, Org/FD develops and proposes solutions in the form of new or modified organizations, serves as principal advisor to the Branch Chief on Aviation force design and structure and as the user representative for organizational issues.

MLSD serves as the user representative in the acquisition process for current and future Army Aviation-related systems.

Force Development Division develops operational concepts and plans; shapes science and technology research; provides threat analysis support; conducts/supports analysis; and develops, documents and defends DOTML- PF requirements to ensure Army Aviation warfighting capabilities are integrated with future force requirements.

The Air Maneuver Battle Lab plans, coordinates and executes specific Joint and Combined Arms modeling and simulation exercises and experiments to provide accurate analysis in support of concept and capabilities development.

Call 255-9114 for more information.

Directorate of Training and Doctrine

The Directorate of Training and Doctrine develops Army Aviation training; doctrinal literature for Aviation Branch; gunnery and aircraft survivability equipment issues; and the Aviation Combined Arms Training Strategy.

Operations and Support Division performs administrative, personnel, and logistics operations of the directorate, to include out-year planning and strategy.

Tactics Division manages the development, production, and quality control of all doctrinal publications for Army Aviation and ensures Aviation doctrine is correctly integrated into the doctrine, tactics, techniques, and procedures of other branches of the Army as well as joint doctrine. Acts as the focal point for the Center in lessons learned of aviation operations and the Aircraft Shoot Down Assessment Team (ASDAT).

Tactical Operations Branch of Tactics Division's primary duties are to standardize, implement, supervise, and execute the Army's Aviation TACOPS Officer program.

Gunnery Branch of Tactics Division develops and integrates the Army's aerial gunnery program and is the proponent for the Helicopter Gunnery field manual FM 3-04.104.

Training Division, consisting of Warrior Training, Warrior Modernization, and Flight Training Branches, conducts individual training analysis and course design for

aviation institutional courseware and sustainment training packages according to the Systems Approach to Training process and Army XXI training principles. It provides training development expertise to manage, write, review, and coordinate aviation training support materials, as well as management of all interactive multimedia products. These products include The Army Training Courseware, programs of instruction, Soldier training publications, and selected aircrew training manuals. Training Division also acts as the executive agent for the USAAWC responsibilities in The Army School System (TASS).

For more information, phone 255-3502.

Directorate of Simulation

The Directorate of Simulation serves as the single point of contact for aviation Training Aids, Devices, Simulators and Simulations development, fielding, and accreditation worldwide. DOS contains the resident expertise in instrumented live, virtual, and constructive simulations supporting Army Aviation from individual to joint level training.

TADSS Division manages TADSS for new and current aviation systems and performs validation, verification, and accreditation of emerging TADSS. The TADSS division provides liaison to the Program Executive Office Simulation, Training, and Instrumentation (PEO STRI) and PEO Aviation for development, fielding, and requirements oversight for simulators and simulations.

Simulation Integration Division develops and integrates simulation technologies that support aviation training to include visual terrain database development, semi-automated force development, Army Battle Command Systems (ABCS) C4ISR systems integration, and distributive interactive simulation (DIS) and high level architecture (HLA) local area network and wide area network (LAN and WAN) integration. This division serves as the lead integrator of live, virtual and constructive simulation technology to conduct tests and exercises.

Exercises Division coordinates the development of training support packages and facilitates aviation training exercises for tactical aviation units deploying in support of contingency operations. This division conducts virtual and constructive simulation training for the schoolhouse.

Flight School XXI Division manages the Flight School XXI Simulation Services Contract. This division provides validation, verification and accreditation of FSXXI training devices, as well as quality assurance for simulation training services.

DOS manages the Seneff Aviation Warfighting Simulation Center, a state-of-the-art integrated



Flight simulators in Warrior Hall prepare aviators for all weather conditions.

training facility for aviation battalion and brigade commanders and staffs. Phone 255-1056, for more information.

AVCATT-A

Located at the Aviation Warfighting Simulation Center is the Aviation Combined Arms Tactical Trainer – Aviation Reconfigurable Manned Simulator (AVCATT-A).

The AVCATT-A is Aviation's collective virtual simulation training system. It supports institutional, organizational, and sustainment training for active component and reserve component Aviation units worldwide. Its affordable training capability helps commanders achieve and sustain unit proficiency and combat readiness.

The AVCATT-A, a mobile, transportable system, includes reconfigurable aircraft manned modules. Each manned module can be reconfigured to current Army attack, reconnaissance, cargo, and utility aircraft.

The AVCATT-A provides the capability to conduct collective training from team through combined arms levels. These devices can be linked with each other to conduct combined arms training.

For more information, call 255-3297.

Directorate of Information Management

The Directorate of Information Management manages all the Information Technology disciplines including telecommunications, automation, visual information, records management, publications, mail management, and printing. Phone 255-9367 for more information.

Directorate of Contracting

As an installation-level contracting office, the Directorate of Contracting makes sure the needs of the installation and its Soldiers are met by acquisitioning supplies, services, and construction. The Directorate of Contracting manages the Fort Rucker's Government Purchase Card program that includes more than 500 cardholders and billing officials.

The Directorate of Contracting has been the home of two major flight training contracts that distinguished this directorate in base and mission-type contracting.

Total dollars obligated through contract awards have



DPW maintains Fort Rucker roads.

averaged more than 100 million dollars each fiscal year. For more information, call 255-3407.

Directorate of Public Works

The Directorate of Public Works consists of the Office of the Director, Engineering Division, Contract Management Division, Housing Division/Residential Communities Initiatives (RCI), Environmental Division, Business Operations Division, and Master Planning Division.

Engineering Division

The Engineering Division provides expertise in civil, mechanical, and electrical engineering.

Contract Management Division

Contract Management Division provides contract surveillance, service orders, and service and contract representation.

Housing Division

The Housing Division partnered with Residential Community Initiatives and works in conjunction with Picerne Military Housing Office which is responsible for the upkeep of on-post housing and housing issues. Housing Division provides oversight of the housing referral system and unaccompanied personnel housing management.

Environmental Division

Environmental Division personnel include scientists, specialists, an engineer, and personnel who oversee environmental concerns that impact the installation. The Division includes the Natural Resources Branch that manages erosion control, controlled burning, and other forestry projects.



Air Traffic Controllers support Fort Rucker and the local community.

The Business Operations Division

Business Operations provides budget control for the Directorate, project management for construction projects, program analysis, administration, and technical support for information management.

Master Planning Division

Master Planning includes the Real Property Branch and oversees real property management, real estate services, military and minor construction, and installation master planning. Phone the Customer Service Office at 255-9041/9042 for minor repair assistance or other matters.

Directorate of Logistics

The Directorate of Logistics consists of the Office of the Director, Plans and Operations Division, Maintenance Division, Supply and Services Division, and the Transportation Division.

Plans and Operations Division

Plans and Ops provides logistical and technical support for STAMIS (standard Army management information system), quality assurance, command supply discipline program, awards program, hazardous materials management plan, mortuary affairs, contract administration budget, and management controls.

Maintenance Division

Maintenance provides direct support and general support maintenance for installation and unit equipment, MWO

and warranty programs, and TMDE (test, measurement, and diagnostic equipment) support.

Supply and Services Division

Supply and Services manages the installation's property, central issue facility, hazardous materials, food services, ammunition supply, packing, and crating. This division manages the Oil and Fuel Analysis Labs that conduct oil and fuel analysis for air and ground support equipment.

Transportation Office

Transportation provides contract oversight for personal property movement and storage, official travel, General Services

Administration non-tactical vehicle fleet, the transportation motor pool, licensing operations, railhead operations, and shipment of hazardous materials. Phone 255-9774 for more information.

Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security

The Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security, the G-2/3 for the Installation and Garrison, provides operational support and intelligence/security program management.

DPTMSEC coordinates and monitors installation operations requiring inter-organization personnel and equipment support as well as support outside the installation; directs and monitors the development and execution of short, mid, and long-range plans; and manages the nuclear, biological, and chemical (NBC) program.

DPTMSEC determines requirements, synchronizes installation support operations, and monitors the use of training support resources to include airspace, airfields, stage fields, and ranges.

DPTMSEC serves as the proponent for USAAWC intelligence, counterintelligence, and security programs; conducts and evaluates the emergency deployment readiness exercises for FORSCOM units; prepares and executes Fort Rucker's plans for general war, mobilization, deployment, and peacetime emergency contingency plans; and operations the Installation Operations Center.

DPTMSEC provides visual information services and training aids to assigned and attached activities, manages all ranges and training lands, directs the Army Continuing Education Services, and manages the ACES Learning Center.

DPTMSEC provides staff supervision of the 6th Weather Flight, 18th Weather Squadron; training aids for the Army Reserve, Army National Guard, ROTC, and closed-circuit cable units; and logistics for the U.S. Army Reserve, Army National Guard, and ROTC.

For more information, call 255-2300.

Directorate of Evaluation and Standardization

The Directorate of Evaluation and Standardization is a Department of the Army Field Operating Agency that ensures standardization of Army Aviation operations worldwide.

DES has shifted focus towards assisting and enabling warfighting aviation commanders in standardized operations.

Phone 255-2603 for more information.

The Directorate emphasizes four broad, tasks:

Assisting Warfighting Commanders. DES flight divisions execute aviation standardization, mission, and training assistance to aviation units worldwide to provide war fighting commanders with relevant tools, tactics, techniques, and procedures for combat aviation operations. Standardization Instructor Pilots bring immediate and relevant information to requesting deploying units to assist with aviation training and operations.

USAAWC Program Quality Assurance. DES Quality Assurance integrates with USAAWC programs of instruction to ensure that relevant, highly trained crewmembers leave the Fort Rucker's schoolhouse. The Quality Assurance office combines feedback from courses of instruction with the needs of unit commanders to develop and improve current aviation training programs.

UAV Standardization. As the UAV increases in mobilization and presence, DES develops standardization and oversees the implementation of the UAV as an Army Aviation asset. DES emphasizes airspace integration and operator training, as well as developing aircrew training guidance for this new facet of Army Aviation.

Aviation Collaboration. DES integrates subject matter personnel into many other USAAWC functions, from combat developments, simulation, doctrine and training, and futures.

DES is organized into five divisions.

Operations Division handles personnel administration, operations, fiscal, security, and logistical functions.

Utility Division provides utility helicopter, both UH-1 and UH-60, subject matter personnel for maintenance and operations.

Scout and Attack Division provides OH58A/C, OH-58KW, TH-67, and AH-64 subject matter personnel for maintenance and operations worldwide.

Cargo and Fixed Wing Division provides CH-47D, C-12, SEMA, UAV, and UC-35 subject matter personnel for maintenance and operations worldwide.

Quality Assurance Division evaluates training products by visiting the field units and conducting graduate and supervisory surveys.

The Literature Review Branch edits and reviews training and doctrinal publications and recommends changes for Army aircraft operator's manuals, checklists, and maintenance test flight manuals.

Directorate of Resource Management

The Directorate of Resource Management serves as the principal staff officer for overall resource management to include financial and manpower management.

Program and Budget Division supervises the formulation, presentation, execution, and policy phases of the USAAWC budget. It provides guidance relative to the command operating budget. This division develops policy and directives affecting the allocation, control, and use of dollars or work year resources at the Aviation Center.

Accounting & Financial Systems Division interprets financial management policy and provides guidance to staff elements.

Resource Analysis Division manages manpower, equipment, and organizational structure to include the installation manpower and population statistics. RAD serves as the installation program coordinator for the Army Travel Card program, Commercial Activities (A-76) program, and the Management Control Process.

Civilian Personnel Advisory Center

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center serves the personnel administrative needs of nearly 2,000 appropriated and non-appropriated fund civilian employees of Fort Rucker.

The CPAC staff advises managers and employees about recruitment and placement, classification, and human resource development.

CPAC, located in the s, provides counseling on retirement and health benefits and processing, administration of the awards and appraisal programs, leave administration, and disciplinary and adverse actions.

The Labor Relations Officer deals with individual concerns of the employees, such as negotiations with guidance and assistance in the processing of grievance and appeal actions.

Department of Defense has consolidated and regionalized the civilian personnel functions. Those processes that



Many resources are available at the Learning Center.

could be performed offsite have been moved to the South Central Civilian Personnel Operations Center (CPOC) at the Redstone Arsenal.

The CPAC monitors the Personnel Process Improvement program that allows managers and administrative personnel access to the personnel records of their assigned employees and electronically request and process personnel actions.

For more information, phone 255-9015.

Army Continuing Education System Learning Center

The ACES Learning Center provides computer-based training, distance learning, and Internet Access via the Fort Rucker metropolitan area network.

Services are provided to active duty military, DAC, retirees, & their adult Family members, contractors, and foreign military. Family members, contractors, and retirees may use all resources except computers with Internet access. Certified teachers will assist users in discovering the many learning opportunities.

The center offers students the use of 32 computer workstations equipped with headphones, CDR drives, zip drives, USB ports, and printer access. A color scanner and printer for documents, OCR, and pictures is available with Internet access. The computers are loaded with Windows 2000, Windows XP, Office 2000, Office 2002, FormFlow, Adobe, and other software programs.

The Learning Center is an army.mil site for registering and accessing AKO, Smart Force, Army eLearning, CBT, and Correspondence Courses. The courses accessed can offer

training hours or carry American Council on Education college credit.

Computer multimedia training courses are offered in Microsoft Windows 2000/XP, Access 2000/XP, Excel 2000/XP, PowerPoint 2000/XP, and Word 2000/XP.

CD-ROM training is offered in foreign languages, such as French, German, Korean, and Spanish full courses. Short training is available on CD-ROM for Italian, Russian, Japanese, Chinese, Hindi, Thai, Arabic, and Vietnamese. Finally, ACES has CD-ROM training for typing, grammar, spelling, vocabulary, reading, math, solving word problems, algebra, geometry, calculus, trigonometry,

and statistics.

A tutor provides service members remedial or refresher instruction in math, reading, communications, language, and Armed Forces Classification Test preparation. The tutor is available from 1430 to 1830 on Tues.s, Wed.s, and Thurs.s.

Students can prepare for standardized tests including SAT, ACT, GED, DSST, CLEP, ASVAB/AFCT, MAT, GRE, GMAT, and Excelsior College exams. Study materials available are software programs accessed through the Internet

The ACES Learning Center, located in Bldg. 9204, 5th Ave, is open Sun.s from 1300-1800; 0800 - 1900 Mon. - Thurs.; 0800 - 1700 Fri.s; and closed Sat.s.

For more information, phone 255-2925/3942.

Air Maneuver Battle Laboratory

The Air Maneuver Battle Laboratory integrates Army Aviation concepts into combined arms operations through the planning, execution, and analysis of warfighting experiments and technology demonstrations within TRADOC and joint agencies.

The AMBL examines advanced concepts and technology that enhance the Army commander's capability to project the force, gain information dominance, shape the battle space, conduct decisive operations, and sustain the force.

The AMBL influences the technology base program to ensure total Combined Army Team integration and continuity of USAAWC's requirements for doctrine, training, leader development, organization, and material systems.

Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Andrews Avenue Physical Fitness Center

Andrews Avenue, Building 4605

255-2296

Hours of Operation

Mon. – Fri.....	5 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sat.....	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sun. & Holiday.....	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Thanksgiving.....	Closed
Christmas.....	Closed
New Years's Day	Closed

Andrews Avenue Physical Fitness Center is a sixty-four thousand square foot facility offering LifeFitness and Precor cardiovascular equipment, LifeFitness selectorized strength equipment and a free weight room.

The facility is home to a regulation college center basketball court, three regulation high school practice courts, two of which convert to volleyball courts, three racquetball courts, a squash court, a 25-meter indoor pool, football, soccer and softball fields, a quarter-mile track and several running trails. Patrons have access to fully operational men's and women's locker rooms with all the normal amenities, which includes a sauna and steam rooms. The customer service desk also provides a variety of equipment that can be checked out. The facility features a heated twenty-five meter indoor pool with three designated lap lanes, a low dive, handicap access and diving board. Lifeguard certification courses and swim lessons are offered.

The indoor pool hours in the off season run from Mon. – Fri. from 5:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. for PT only; 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 4 – 7 p.m. are Open and Lap swimming. Sat. and Sun. is 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. for Open and Lap swimming. Summer schedule runs during the months of June and July. Indoor pool located in the Andrews Avenue Physical Fitness Center is closed during the summer schedule. Aviators' Landing pool opens for 'weekends ONLY' during the month of May and the first two weekends of September. During the months of June and July, Aviators' Landing pool is open 7 days a week from 12 p.m. – 6 p.m., except for 4th of July, as it is closed. The Flynn Center Pool is open on Sat.s and Sun.s from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. for Lap swimming only.

The PFC organizes and hosts a variety of fitness programs and events, including personal fitness programs, aerobics, yoga, self-defense, locker rental, competitive running events, weight lifting competitions, cycling, health promotion events and aerobathons.

The PFC also organizes and hosts the intramural and varsity sports programs. Some of the intramural programs available are flag football, volleyball, and basketball and softball leagues.

When interest warrants, varsity level sports teams of rugby, soccer, and competitive running are formed and participants represent the installation in local, regional and national events.

Annual Community Events

For more information on any of these events, call the Annual Events Coordinator at 255-9810.

Children's Festival

The Children's Festival is an annual event held mid-March to early April. Games, activities, and character appearances kick off this event, highlighted by one of the largest Easter egg hunts in the area. More than 1,200 children and their families take part each year.

Pro Am Tournament

This annual tournament is held on the 27-hole championship rated Silver Wings Golf Course, rated par 72 for 18 holes by the USGA. Come on out and enjoy a friendly tournament with some of the best players around.

Oktoberfest

The Oktoberfest celebration held in September celebrates German traditions with music, schnitzel, bratwurst, authentic German beer, vendors and games. The party of all parties you won't want to miss!

Soldier Show

The U.S. Army Soldier Show is always a special treat. This hour-and-a-half variety show offers songs and dance that the whole family can enjoy.

Thunder on Tholocco

The Thunder returns to Lake Tholocco each spring with fast paced action of drag boat racing. Watch competitors reach speeds in excess of 100 m.p.h.. This premier event has become an action packed family fun event.

Lake Fest

Lake Fest, which is held in May, is our annual kick-off to summer celebration. Admission to the park, along with life jacket usage, canoes, and paddle boats is free the day of the event. The lake offers a recreational swimming area featuring two inflatable water slides, three floating trampolines and a water slide that make Lake Tholocco a great place to have fun in the sun!

Freedom Fest

Freedom Fest is the premier event for Fort Rucker and Wiregrass communities. Hosted by our Commanding General and open to the public, this 4th of July event

annually welcomes thousands of spectators to enjoy great food, music, static aircraft displays, children's activities, and to witness the area's largest fireworks display!

Travel Extravaganza

The Travel Show, which is held in March, is the perfect opportunity to start planning for summer vacations or to check out some local travel destinations available in the area. Great prizes are given away throughout the event.

Christmas Tree Lighting

The Christmas Tree Lighting held in December is an annual family favorite. Fort Rucker's very own 98th Army band performs a medley of holiday songs while local choirs sing. The lighting of the tree and a visit from Santa makes this an enjoyable family event.



Army Community Service (ACS)

Building 5700, Novosel Street, Rm 390 & 193,

Hours of Operation: Mon.– Fri., 7:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Army Emergency Relief (AER).....255-2341
Emergency financial assistance is available through AER. Assistance is given in the form of a loan, grant or combination of loan and grant. Applicants must have a valid emergency and present military or dependent ID cards. Emergency food vouchers and holiday food vouchers are also available. Information on educational scholarships for children and spouses can be obtained through AER.

Army Family Team Building (AFTB)255-2382
Program improves Family readiness by assisting military personnel and their Family Members in learning to adapt, accept challenges and deal with changes associated with the military lifestyle. Different levels of instructions are offered for varying degrees of experience and all classes and materials are free. AFTB is a great way to meet other spouses new to the Army or to Fort Rucker.

Army Family Action Plan (AFAP)255-2382
Provides members of the Fort Rucker community the opportunity to influence Army quality of life. Soldiers, Family Members and civilians of all levels participate in the annual installation conference. Delegates evaluate and

prioritize issues they consider of greatest importance to Army well-being. Issues are assigned to proponent agencies for resolution. AFAP is a great way to volunteer and make real changes in the community.

Army Volunteer Corps.....255-3949
Focuses on supporting Fort Rucker Soldiers, Family Members and civilian personnel through community involvement. Volunteer opportunities are available both on and off post. Volunteer hours are tracked by the program manager in order to provide volunteer recognition, to support those wishing to apply for employment and to document student volunteer hours for scholarship requirements.

Employment Readiness Program.....255-3949
Provides comprehensive, accurate, easily accessible and up-to-date information on area employment, training related to employment search, career assessment and educational opportunities. Services are available to active duty and retired military personnel and their Family Members; Army appropriated Fund and Non-appropriated Fund employees and their family members; Family Members of prisoners of war or personnel missing in action and surviving spouses.

Exceptional Family Member Program.....255-9277
Assists Families in developing solutions to individual and community special needs issues. Soldiers and Family Members may receive instructions on enrollment procedures in the Exceptional Family Member Program. Information on support groups and community resources is available.

Family Advocacy Program255-3898
Offers parent education and weekly parent/child support groups: home visitations, stress management, anger management, marriage enrichment workshops, sexual assault prevention training and victim advocacy services. Emphasis is on prevention, education, prompt reporting, investigation, intervention and treatment of spousal and child abuse. Crisis intervention services, which include emergency shelter, respite child care and intervention counseling are available.

Financial Readiness Program255-9631/2594
Focuses on improving the personal financial status of Soldiers and their families, and their abilities to perform as informed consumers. Certified counselors are available to assist with budget development, debt liquidation, checking account maintenance, retirement planning, savings and investing, credit report review, identity theft and home buying. Information and assistance with mediating consumer complaints and resolutions are also available.

Information, Referral & Follow-up Program 255-3817
Information, Referral & Follow-up is available to assist Service Members and their Families (Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve Components, Retirees and Dependent of Defense Civilians and their eligible Family Members) with information regarding military and civilian resources. Intake evaluations are conducted to link the Fort Rucker community with available and appropriate resources at the lowest cost – without duplication of effort. Army Community Service is your one-stop location for information on installation and community resources.

Mobilization and Deployment

Readiness Program 255-9578

Provides support to commanders of Active and Reserve Components and National Guard Forces. Assistance is given for emergency essential personnel during pre-deployment, mobilization, deployment and homecoming. Emphasis is placed upon Operation R.E.A.D.Y. materials, Family Readiness Group Training, Battlemind II for Spouses, Pre-deployment and Post Deployment briefings, Family Assistance Center and other deployment related training.

Relocation Readiness Program (RRP)

255-3161/2887

Provides information and assistance to military personnel and their Families as they transition from one community to another. Overseas briefs and video-teleconferences are held to prepare Soldiers and Family Members moving to Germany, Korea, Alaska and Hawaii. Individual relocation counseling is targeted to Soldiers and Families preparing for their first permanent change of duty station or first overseas PCS. The Newcomers' Welcome provides information about Fort Rucker and the surrounding communities. Futons, rollaway beds, dishes and other household items are available for a limited loan period to any ID card holder. Relocation partners with EOCC to provide ESL classes for Foreign born spouses and Family Members. Foreign born spouses and Family Members may seek assistance in Relocation with the immigration process too. Relocation also provides Sponsorship Training for military and civilian personnel, as well as Youth Sponsorship Training. Families residing in and around the Fort Rucker community while their service member is overseas are encouraged to participate in the



The Auto Craft Center has what you need to keep your vehicle running.

HEARTS APART program. Families are encouraged to attend monthly support meetings and activities sponsored by the Relocation staff.

Unit Service Coordinator Program (USC) 255-9637
Connects military units Army Community Service programs and provides a visible ACS staff member to the unit chain of command. The USC conducts briefings and distributes publicized information to ensure that Soldiers, Family Members and civilians are equipped with the skills and education they need to face the challenges of military life today and tomorrow.

Auto Craft Center

Third Avenue Building 1902

Phone: 255-9725

The Fort Rucker Auto Craft Center has the equipment you need to save money on do-it-yourself car maintenance and repair. At the Auto Craft Center you have access to on-site trained instruction, assistance, tools and equipment. Stop by today to learn about how we can help with your automobile repairs and questions.

The Auto Craft Center has a Mechanic-for-Hire program which can save military families money in labor fees for repairs. The center offers Mitchell-On-Demand software which allows patrons to access “how-to” automotive information. This software also includes vehicle specific wiring diagrams, maintenance information, technical service bulletins, and recalls.

The twenty-four bay facility has twelve lifts, eleven flat bays (non-lift) – six located inside the main building and five sheltered bays outside of the main building, a paint booth

and body bay. Facilities are easily accessible to Soldiers and their families with operational hours structured to meet their needs.

Classes offered include: oil change, tire maintenance, tune-ups, transmission filter service, front and rear brakes, and emission controls. Additional classes may be arranged if requested, for groups or individuals, to fit specific needs.

In addition to the scheduled classes the Auto Craft Center provides daily instruction in those areas covered by the classes, as well as in accessories and electrical troubleshooting, air conditioning and heating systems, steering and suspension systems, engine mechanical and performance.

The Auto Craft Center is located just off Andrews Avenue on Third Avenue. The Center is open to authorized patrons only. To find out more about the Auto Craft Center call (334) 255-9725.

The self help car wash located at the Auto Craft Center has three wash bays with a shampooer and standard vacuums, a fragrance machine, and vending machines stocked with clean Armor All towels and air fresheners.

Need to refill a propane tank, then stop by the Auto Craft Center today. Propane refill allows you to refill your own tanks and bottles. We also service mobile home hook ups rather than having to swap them out.

Free vehicle inspections are available on posted dates. The Free Holiday Safety Inspections Program provides inspections prior to Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Aviators' Landing

Building 113, Novosel Street

Aviators' Landing 598-2426
Dawn Patrol Lounge.....598-2426 ext. 25
Aviators' Landing offers Daily Lunch Specials Mon. through Fri.s from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Lunch at the Landing features hot and cold sandwiches, soups and chili, full salad bar, dessert selections and featured daily entrees. Fri. evenings at Aviators' Landing is the place to be. Enjoy an all-you-can-eat German-American Grand Buffet every Fri. night from 5 – 8 p.m. This grand buffet features schnitzel, Jaeger gravy, German coleslaw and potato salad. A variety of other entrees are available, including fried chicken, seafood selections and meatloaf, just to name a few. While not all selections are available every week, feel free to call 598-2426 to find out what foods will be featured. The grand buffet includes a full soup and salad bar, dessert selections and coffee or tea. Whether you're looking to have a working lunch, or you are part of a larger group, the facilities are quite adequate to suit your needs. Come enjoy a relaxing atmosphere with comfortable seating, television monitors with a number of stations for your viewing, and a superb food selection.

Hours of Operation:

Administrative Office

Tues. – Fri. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Lunch Line

Mon. – Fri. 11 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Dawn Patrol Lounge

The Dawn Patrol Lounge is located inside Aviators' Landing and opens every Fri. night at 4 p.m. With our reduced price beverages from 7 to 9 p.m., come in and enjoy a friendly game of pool or darts, live entertainment and Planet Bingo in a great atmosphere.

High Rise

598-5216 ext. 38121

Mon. – Fri. 4 – 9 p.m.

Sat. – Sun. 11 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Every Wed. night from 5 to 6 p.m. the High Rise hosts a Meet and Greet. Come out and meet your neighbors, while enjoying some delicious food. Come join friends and enjoy your favorite icy cold beverages and order snacks from the bar menu. If you just want to come in and pick up some good food, carry out is also available.

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS)

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This program supports the overall quality of single Soldiers' lives. The Fort Rucker BOSS program was established to meet the leisure & recreational needs of single and unaccompanied Soldiers through innovative, fun-filled recreational programs, and rewarding community service projects.

The BOSS program provides a vehicle for communication between the single Soldier community and the installation command that fosters the U.S. Army Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation command's Philosophy:

- That single Soldiers are entitled to the opportunity to recommend policy changes that will enhance their overall quality of life,
- To participate in recreational and leisure activities of their choice,
- And to contribute to their local communities.

BOSS program eligibility is open to all single Soldiers, which is defined as all unmarried, divorced, widowed, and unaccompanied Soldiers, to include single parent Soldiers. Participation in BOSS activities is open to all single Soldiers.

BOSS sponsored events may be open to all, with preference and priority to the single Soldier.

Command involvement in BOSS is essential to the success and growth of the BOSS program and our single Soldier community. Here on Fort Rucker, the Command ensures participation of the single sector at every level, from junior enlisted to the Senior NCO's.

Child, Youth & School Services

Central Registration Bldg 5700, RM. 130

Phone: 334-255-9638

Fax: 334-255-0540

Mon. - Fri., 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Outreach Services Director/CER Manager: Tricia Oates

Central Registration Bldg, RM. 132

Phone: 344-255-2958

Fax: 344-255-0540

Patrons who plan to use any CYS program should register their child at the CYS Central Registration office. The registration is good for one calendar year and has reciprocity Army-wide (transferable from installation to installation with appropriate documentation of enrollment status). Effective January 1, 2008 the annual Registration fee will be waived under the Army Family Covenant.

The following information is required when registering:

1. Up-to-date immunization records.
2. Valid sponsor ID card.
3. DOD Fee Application. (For center-based programs only.)
4. If the sponsor is single or dual military, a current family care plan (DA Form 5305-R) is required.

Child Development Center (CDC)

Bldg. 8938, Red Cloud Road

334-255-2262

Mon. - Fri., 5:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Full Day Care. The Ft. Rucker CDC offers full-day care for children 6 weeks - kindergarten age. The center offers trained staff, balanced meals, and age-appropriate developmental activities. Patron fees are determined by the total family income as directed by the Army CYS Fee Policies and Guidance. Our CDC is certified by the Department of Defense and accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. We also provide child care for groups needing care after hours in the form of special openings where a block of time for a pre-determined number of children is paid for in advance. Child care is also provided during Sun. morning Chapel Services through a contract with the Chapel.

Part-Day Toddler and Preschool Program. Children 2 - 5 years old are eligible for enrollment in the part-day program. This program offers 2, 3, or 5 day sessions. Morning session is from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. This program operates during the school year with two separate summer sessions.



Gymnastics is just one of the many fitness activities offered by post CYS.

Pre-K Program. This program offers before and after school care for children who attend the half-day pre-kindergarten program at the Fort Rucker Primary School. Full day care is provided when schools are on vacation.

Kindergarten Program. Care is provided for children before/after school for kindergarten age children. Full-day care is provided when schools are on vacation.

Hourly. Hourly care is offered Mon. - Fri., 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m., for children 6 weeks old through kindergarten age. There is a \$3.50/hour charge and a two hour minimum stay. Reservations can be made up to 14 days in advance on a space available basis. We ask that reservations that are not needed be cancelled 24 hours in advance to avoid the \$5 non-cancellation fee and allow us to offer care to a child on the hourly waiting list.

School Age Services (SAS)

Bldg 2806, 7th and Division Rd.

334-255-9108/9127

Mon. - Fri., 5:30-8:00 a.m. & 2:30-6:00 p.m.

SAS offers a Before & After School program for 1st thru 5th



Fort Rucker's CYS offers a variety of healthy activities for all ages.

grades during the school year. Hours of operation are 5:30 - 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 - 6:00 p.m. Activities include use of homework center and computer lab. During school vacation periods, SAS offers full day camp. Full day session times are 5:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Framework for the SAS program includes the following areas: Sports & Fitness; Leisure & Recreation; Life Skills & Citizenship; and Mentoring & Support. Breakfast, lunch and a snack are served. Patron fees are based on total household income as directed by the Army CYS Fee Policies and Guidance.

Family Child Care Program (FCC)

Central Registration Bldg 132, Sixth Avenue
334-255-3446

Office Hours 7:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Family Child Care homes are an integral part of CYS. These homes offer child care services to children whose parents have irregular duty hours, children who need small group settings, and those preferring care in a home setting. Family Child Care homes offer alternative care options for needs that cannot be easily met in center-based programs. Many prefer FCC due to it's home atmosphere where care is provided for no more than 6 children.

All Family Child Care Providers must register with CYS

and be certified prior to opening their home for childcare. Certification classes are held quarterly. Please call for more information concerning becoming a Family Child Care Provider.

Family Child Care users must register with CYS. Parents can pick up names of potential providers from CYS Central Registration. Family Child Care Providers establish their own fees for the services they render. The providers and parents are required to sign a contract agreeing on fees, hours of care to be provided, and terms of payment.

Youth Services

Bldg. 2806, 7th and Division Rd
334-255-9108/9127

Hours of Operation

Mon. – Thurs., 2:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Fri., 2:30 – 10:30 p.m.

Sat., 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. & 7:00-11:00 p.m.

The Youth Center facility consists of a large multi-purpose room with a regulation basketball court that doubles as the roller skating rink, a fully equipped Gymnastics/Self Defense room, a dance studio, a music room, a teen room, and a snack area. Youth Services staff are well trained and plan fun and educational age appropriate activities. Youth Services provides leisure and recreational programs for youth ages 11-18 years. Our baseline programming includes: Youth Sponsorship, Workforce Preparation, Volunteer Service, Teen Council, and Computer Lab/Homework Center. Sign up for individual Youth Services activities on-site Mon-Fri from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.. We offer skating on Fri. evenings from 6:15-7:15 p.m. for children twelve years of age and under and from 7:30-10:30 p.m. for all ages.

Our computer lab instructor manages the Youth Computer



Parents and children bond during the "Mom and Me, Dad, Too," Army Community Service Program.

Lab housing 15 computers with internet access. Parents must sign a permission slip for their child's internet access. There are many active 4-H Clubs in operation. The Youth Center is an affiliate member of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America participating in many of their grant and scholarship opportunities and utilizing their curriculum to enhance our programs.

Middle School and Teen Program

Middle School/Teen (MST) Program Youth Services also offers a Middle School Program for youth ages 11-15 and a teen program for youth who are 16-18 years old. These programs are intended to offer positive alternatives that will minimize "at risk behaviors during parental duty hours." MST hours are Mon-Fri 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. during the school year. Extended hour Camps are held during school vacation periods. Summer MST hours are Mon-Fri 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. Teen night times for 13-18 year olds are Mon-Thurs 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Sat. Open Recreation hours for youth 6 – 18 years of age are from 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. Sat. Teen Only hours for 13 18 year olds are from 7:00 -11:00 p.m.

Instructional Classes

A variety of Instructional Classes are offered through Youth Services. For example Dance, Self-Defense, Piano, Gymnastics, Volleyball, Tennis, Swimming, Voice and Violin Lessons, Wind and Percussion, and Group Band Lessons are all offered through Youth Services.

Youth Sports & Fitness

The youth sports program provides a wide range of opportunities for participation in team and individual sports. Team sports include T-Ball, baseball, softball, spring and fall soccer, basketball, cheerleading, and tackle football. Fees are set by the Army CYS Fee Policies and Guidance. Fitness and Health opportunities are offered to include health and nutrition issues education.

Youth Education Support Services (YESS)

Central Registration Bldg. 132

Sixth Avenue

334-255-9812

Office Hours 7:30 - 4:15 p.m.

Students living on Fort Rucker will attend school on Fort Rucker at the Fort Rucker Primary and Elementary Schools for grades pre-kindergarten through the sixth grade. Beginning in the seventh grade students may attend



The post Equestrian Center hosts various competitions and shows and boasts exceptional boarding services.

Daleville, Enterprise or Ozark City Schools. All three school systems provide bus transportation from all housing areas on post. The choice is up to each student's family. (See: Schools p.)

Youth Technology Lab and Homework Center

The Youth Technology Lab (Computer Lab) and Homework Center offers access to the Internet and many software selections. Internet users must have a Parental Agreement Form on file with the Child and Youth Program Associate in the Technology Lab. Here is the opportunity for children and youth to build skills in technology, personal and written communications and cognitive and social skills.

For more information, phone 255-0311.

Equestrian Center

Hatch Road, Building 20090, 598-3384

Office Hours of Operation

Mon. – Sat.

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sun. Closed

The Equestrian Center is surrounded by more than 10,000 acres of beautifully wooded trails, and includes a clubhouse with a small kitchen and bathroom facilities. The clubhouse can be rented for a fee, and provides enough room for social or small business gatherings.

The facility has a hay barn, 40 duplex stalls, each with a 6' by 12' tack room, paddocks to stable 80 privately owned horses, as well as 98 stalls for transient and show horses and two community pastures.

The Equestrian Center has two regulation dressage rings and two round pens. Also available to patrons, a lighted

Western arena and lighted jump / show area, covered farriers' shed and double wash stalls for horses, and regulation cross country courses.

Hay and stall bedding may be purchased from the Equestrian center office, when available. A flexible feed service program is also available to patrons.

Programs and services offered throughout the year by the Equestrian Center may include: English and Western riding lessons, children's pony parties, open horse shows, dressage shows, horse related clinics and other events. Most events are open to the public without an admission fee.

All riders are expected to abide by Equestrian Center rules and regulations. All riders participating in jumping events, are required to wear ASTM/SE approved helmets. Below are the standard operating procedure guidelines that must be performed by each patron, while boarding their horse at the Equestrian Center:

Required immunizations:

- Rabies, EWFT, West Nile
- Current negative coggins
- Wormed every 60 days
- Large turn out areas on specific days only
- Feeding and cleaning services available
- Must have an off post vet available for emergencies

Prices for Boarding (per month)

E7 and below	\$72
Other Military	\$77
Civilian	\$88

Prices for Other Services

Clubhouse	\$50
Pony Party	\$75
Overnight boarding	\$15

Five Star Catering

Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Other hours by appointment only {334} 598-2426

ruck.avlcatering@conus.army.mil

Five Star Catering is a full service caterer specializing in formal banquets, military balls, elegant weddings, meetings and conferences. From the initial planning to the last dance, Five Star Catering can provide it all. Services include linens, china, glassware, as well as displays and centerpieces. Memorable occasions come in all shapes and sizes - from formal banquets, military balls and elegant weddings for hundreds, to intimate dinners to name just a few.

As each event is designed specifically for a client, the possibilities are truly endless. With competitive prices, unsurpassed food quality, and a team of qualified personnel, Five Star Catering will make your event a great success.

Fortenberry-Colton Physical Fitness Center

5900 Skychief

255-3794

Hours of Operation

Mon. – Fri. 7 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Sat. 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sun. 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Federal Holidays Closed

The Fortenberry-Colton Physical Fitness Center is named after CW3 Wesley Charles Fortenberry and CW2 Lawrence Shane Colton both of whom were killed in action over Baghdad while serving as attack helicopter pilots with the 1st Battalion 227th Avn Reg. 1st Cav. Division Ft. Hood Texas. The Physical Fitness Center is a twenty-three thousand square foot modern facility that boasts top-of-the-line LifeFitness cardiovascular equipment, strive selectorized strength equipment and LifeFitness free weights. Facility includes a fitness room offering Cardio Theater for television viewing, a regulation basketball court, two practice courts, two volleyball courts and a group fitness room.

Also available is a 28 – foot realistic climbing wall, which allows four people to climb simultaneously. The wall has four auto-belay systems and four manual belays. Both the group fitness room and the basketball court have hardwood impact-resistant floors.

Open seven days a week, except for Federal holidays, this facility has both men and women locker rooms with steam and sauna. The Sports Branch hosts 5k/10k runs, dodge ball tournaments, bench press competitions; classes in aerobics, cycling, yoga, hip-hop dance and much more.

Fitlinxx, a web-based, computerized personal training and tracking program will help you keep your fitness regimen on track, both at home and at the gym. Fitness specialists will be available to assist patrons in setting up their Fitlinxx accounts.

Information, Tickets and Reservations

Building 5700, Novosel Street

1st Floor South, 255-2997/9517

Hours of Operation:

Mon. – Fri. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Closed 1 – 2 p.m.

ITR will assist you with your leisure travel. They also offer tours to Hawaii, Alaska, Opryland and Disney World. Talk to a travel clerk to get information on upcoming tours and trips. ITR plans, promotes, and conducts scheduled group tours and trips; provides information for military recreation areas;

and provides you with discounted tickets to Disney World, Universal Studios, Six Flags over Georgia, Sea World, Busch Gardens, Ripley's Believe It or Not and many other popular attractions.

With ITR you can book your reservations for hotels, get assistance in planning individual tours, planning your dream vacation, planning a cruise, family reunions, honeymoons upon request and receive tourism information for the local hot spots. Don't forget about getting your passport photo and application for you and your family before traveling to certain areas.

Off Duty Travel Site. Check out the Off Duty Travels website at www.offdutytravel.com for fares, travel providers (air, cruise, rail, and car), as well as tips on how to get the best fare by searching the web or being flexible about travel dates. Other travel tips are also available such as air travel tips, e-ticket information, fees for booking over the internet, and luggage tips.

GovArm Site at www.govarm.com provides leisure and vacation travel services for government and military personnel, including retirees. With services ranging from condominium rentals, cruises, vehicle rentals, and hotel reservations, to golf discounts and vacation packages, there is something for everyone.

Armed Forces Vacation Club. Check out www.afvclub.com for a "space available" program offering Department of Defense affiliated personnel affordable condominium vacations at over 3,500 resorts around the world.

Lake Tholocco Lodging

West Beach Lake Tholocco, Bldg. 24207

Manager: 255-4056

Reservations: 255-4235

Hours of Operation:

Mon.-Sun. 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Lake Tholocco offers numerous recreational activities, such as boating, water skiing, swimming and fishing. Other facilities available are fishing piers, beaches, pavilions, restrooms, picnic areas and much more. For more information on renting boats, canoes, paddle boats, pavilions and other outdoor recreation items to use during your visit, please contact Outdoor Recreation at 255-4305.

The new Singing Pines Cabins are located on Lake Tholocco's West Beach and are top notch recreational lodging facilities. The cabins overlook the banks of West Beach and offer Active Duty Military personnel, DOD civilians, and authorized guests a memorable stay on Lake Tholocco. Two



Paddle boats, canoeing, fishing and skiing are among the recreation activities available at Fort Rucker's Lake Tholocco.

bedroom cabins offers fully equipped kitchen, furnished living space, satellite TV with DVD/VCR, refrigerator, stove, microwave, screened back porch with picnic table, bench glider rocker, and two rocking chairs with a table on the front porch. Enjoy panoramic views of Lake Tholocco and Fort Rucker's scenic landscape.

The park has 18 rustic sites and 30 new modern sites that have a concrete parking pad. All sites have electrical and water hook ups. Also available: a dump station, bathhouse with restrooms and shower facilities. There are four on-site travel trailers in the RV park. The trailers can sleep up to six people. Each trailer is equipped with kitchen and bathing facilities. Not available: bedding, cooking, supplies & bathing products.

All cottages offer a beautiful panoramic view of Lake Tholocco. Our scenic 640 acre lake is full of life and activity. The grounds surrounding the cottages have picnic tables and playground equipment for the children. We offer 2, 3, or 4 bedroom cottages with a bath or shower, fully equipped kitchen, furnished living space, satellite TV, refrigerator, stove, microwave, dishwasher, washer/dryer, and screened porch.

Center Library

Fifth Avenue, Building 212

255-3695

Hours of Operation:

Mon. Closed

Tues. - Thurs. 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Fri. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sat. 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Sun. Closed

Center Library is your resource for knowledge, communication and entertainment.

The library has 20 high-speed public access internet computers, WiFi for laptops, a children's room and an activities room, copying service, individual study areas, word processors and a digital scanner.

The library's collection includes: 68,250 books, 3300 videos/DVD's, 1150 books on CD, 1040 music CD's, subscriptions to 112 newspapers and magazines, 110 video games, foreign language books, travel guides, Christian Fiction, Young Adult section and Framed Art for circulation.

With graphic novels, large print books, and the summer reading program, there is something for every reader, as well as special activities, children's story time and guest speaker events.

Some reference services available are the Alabama Virtual Library and OCLC First Search. An automated card catalog and circulation system connected to the Center Library and the Aviation Technical Library makes finding what you need easy.

Story time provides a program that enhances parent-child interactions, and is held every Fri. except for holidays and DONSA days. The program stimulates motor, language, intellect, and socio-emotional development for children ages 2—4 years old. In addition, the program provides an outlet for parents to socialize and share parenting information.

Outdoor Recreation

West Beach Lake Tholocco, Bldg. 24236
Phone: 255-4305

Hours of Operation:

Mon. – Fri. 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sat's & Holidays 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



Intramural leagues add to off-duty recreation options.

Sun's 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
(Closed on Sun. during winter months)
Closed: Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's Day

For that special family outing, Outdoor Recreation offers several items to boost the fun potential. Ski boats, pontoon boats, fishing boats, water tubes, canoes, kayaks and paddleboats are available for use on the 640-acre Lake Tholocco. For those family reunions or school fundraiser, ODR offers picnic pavilions, volleyball sets, horseshoe sets, large BBQ cookers, canopies and dunking booths. And for the "Under the Stars" enthusiasts, ODR has camping tents, sleeping bags, camping gear and travel trailers. The travel trailers can sleep up to six people.

Fort Rucker has several excellent fishing lakes and ponds; Lake Tholocco, Beaver Lake, Buckhorn Lake, Ech Lake, and Beaver Pond. Parours is designated for children 15 years and younger. Come try your luck with hybrid bass, catfish, crappie and bream and see if you'll catch The Big One.

Fort Rucker also offers deer, turkey and hog hunting. All hunters must have a valid hunter's Safety education course completion card regardless of age. If you do not have a hunter's safety card, the Alabama State Hunter Education program, in partnership with ODR, offers safety classes on Fort Rucker. Sign up at www.outdooralabama.com.

All individuals 16 years and older wishing to fish or hunt on Fort Rucker, are required to have an Alabama State license and a Fort Rucker Post Permit. Both may be purchased at Outdoor Recreation. For all the rules and regulations for fishing and or hunting on Fort Rucker, patrons may view the Regulation 215-1 on the www.ftrucker.mwr.com website.

This program provides special events for both the youth and challenged sportsmen. In the fall of each year before deer season opens ODR provides a special deer hunt for the youth and challenged sportsman. Youth Fishing tournaments are held once a year in the spring, and just before turkey season the installation works with the local community to host a youth and challenged sportsman turkey hunt.

Lake Tholocco West Beach Swimming Area

Summer Hours of Operation

Mon – Tue Closed
Wed. – Sun. 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Cool off during the hot summer months between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend at the West Beach Swimming Area. This popular summer retreat boasts two large waterslides, twin floating kid's slides, and a large water trampoline. Lifejackets are available. Swimming is allowed only when life guards are present between the hours of 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Swimming at your own risk is prohibited.

Snack Bar

Summer Hours of Operation

Mon. – Tue. Closed

Wed. – Fri. 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Sat. – Sun. 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The Snack Bar offers scrumptious treats to include corn dogs, popcorn chicken, popcorn shrimp, nachos, hot dogs, hamburgers and ice cream.

Rucker Lanes

Hours of Operation

Mon. – Thurs. 11 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Fri. – Sat. 11 a.m. – 11 p.m.

Sun. & Holidays 1 – 6 p.m.

The Bowling Center has twenty lanes equipped with automatic scorers, a Pro-Shop, lockers and shoe rental. Try out the snack bar, which serves burgers, chicken, sandwiches, beer, wine coolers, and more. The bowling center is the perfect spot for your next unit party, birthday celebration or hail and farewell. Open bowling and bumper bowling for children ages 3–10 is available year-round.

Bowling leagues are available for all ages. USBC Youth offers children the experience of league bowling Sat.s at 9 a.m. Fort Rucker offers summer and fall leagues for men, women, mixed, youth and military.

Come out and enjoy some of the specials that the bowling center has to offer. Every Fri. the center hosts Red Pin Fri.s. Look for the red pin in the machines; if the red pin comes up in the head pin position and you get a strike, you win a free game. The red pin must be witnessed by a bowling center employee and free games must be used that day. Try out the lunchtime special Burger and Bowl for \$7. The special includes cheeseburger, fries, soda, shoes and two games of bowling. Come out later for Extreme Bowling Sat.s from 8–11 p.m. For only \$10 enjoy unlimited bowling, with lights, music and glow in the dark balls and shoes.

Come out and play some electronic speed BINGO! The bingo program at Fort Rucker has the best payouts within the local area. Bingo is open to all authorized patrons. All guests must be at least 18 years old in order to play. It is easy to play, and you can buy anywhere from 1 – 40 cards per game. Five additional progressive jackpots are included in your buy-in, free of charge.

Skills, Arts and Crafts Shop (SACS)

Fifth Avenue, Building 9205

Manager – 255-9020

Mon. & Sun Closed

Tues, Thurs, Fri 9 a.m.- 7 p.m.

Wed. 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sat. 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Not your ordinary Skills, Arts & Crafts shop here! SACS doesn't just do crafty stuff, it's more of a one-stop-shop, which

includes framing, laser engraving, RV storage and Lemon Lot registration, pottery/ceramics, woodshop, instructional programs.... and the list goes on and on. So come check out your nationally recognized Best in the Army Skills, Arts and Crafts Shop. There is something for everyone.

Save money and learn a new skill with SACS instructional framing program. Learn everything from cutting your mattes to assembling your frame. If you feel you don't have the time, have SACS staff custom frame it for you. Either way, you will come out on top with a quality product.

Choose from an extensive selection of framing materials to create your very own custom masterpiece.

Want to make that gift extra special? Get it personalized with SACS laser engraver. Customizing is what we do best. Choose from an extensive line of trophies, plaques and gift items. For all your engraving needs and wants, please keep SACS in mind. We are here to serve you.

Pottery has become all the rage. Get your hands dirty at the potter's wheel. Learn wheel throwing, slab rolling, coil techniques and glazing. Clay is available for all, in a variety of colors. SACS offers pottery programs throughout the year for adults and children seven and up. A special summer program is provided for children. Pour and paint ceramics has a selection of over 2,000 molds. Instructional sessions for learning how to pour and clean your ceramics are available. SACS also has glazes, dry brush acrylics and stains for bisque. From novices to experts, SACS wants you to come join the fun. Tools and supplies are provided for both programs. Kilns are available for firing your pieces.

A wide variety of hobbies and skills are offered monthly. SACS has sewing and quilting instruction weekly. Programs may also include stained glass, mosaics, jewelry making, scrap-booking, card making and stamping. SACS is currently offering oil painting and photography classes for adults, and various craft classes for children ages 4 and older. Do you have a skill or hobby you would like to teach? Come share your talent and creative ideas with SACS. We would love to have you!

If you're a flight student, then look forward to your mandatory map project. SACS provides paper cutters, a heat press and a vacuum press to help make the process a little easier. A minimal fee is charged per map set for use of the equipment and the facility.

Patrons may utilize the Lemon Lot to sell their cars, trucks, motorcycles, boats, RV's, trailers and other recreational vehicles. The Lemon Lot is located between Andrews Avenue and 3rd Avenue. All vehicles must be registered with SACS to utilize the lot. Proof of ownership (registration, title, bill of sale, power of attorney, etc...) and ID card are required for registration. Costs per month: \$20.00 for cars, trucks, and motorcycles; \$30.00 for boats, RV's and trailers.



Enjoy a round of golf at Fort Rucker's beautiful, 27-hole Silver Wings Golf Course.

Patrons wishing to store their personal vehicles, boats, motorcycles and recreational vehicles may do so at the RV Storage Lot, located on Hatch Road, across from the Silver Wings Golf Course and Equestrian Center. This is a secured fenced in area with electronic gate accessibility. Currently, the lot holds 214 spaces. All vehicles must be registered with SACS to utilize the lot. Proof of ownership (registration, title, bill of sale, power of attorney, etc...) and ID card are required for registration. Costs per month: \$10.00 for On-post residency; \$15.00 for Off-post residency.

Woodshop

255-9131

Hours of Operation

Mon. Closed
Tues. Closed
Wed.-Fri. 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Sat. 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Closed Sun.

Turn a two-by-four into a treasure. SACS has a complete woodshop with an experienced staff to help you build anything

from a jewelry box to custom furniture. A beginner's class, which includes a mandatory safety class, is available for everyone who would like to learn more. Safety classes are held Sat. from 9-10:30 a.m. and cost \$5.

Silver Wings Golf Course

Combat Road Building 20067

Phone: 598-2449

Hours of Operation

Mon.- Fri. 6:30 a.m. - dusk
Weekends & Holidays 6:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Programs and Facilities. The golf course offers golf lessons by appointment, club repair, and also has meeting facilities available. There are organized tournaments as well as a variety of different golf scrambles throughout each month. Members save with discounts on tournament fees. A practice area and 300 yard driving range are available adjacent to the clubhouse. The driving range is open from daylight to midnight, and will accept dollar bills, tokens or rechargeable keys that can be purchased at the Pro-Shop.

Private Party Bookings. The golf course is also open for private party bookings. Come out and enjoy a friendly game of golf, whether it be a social or small business gathering. Advance tee time reservations are required for play on Sat.s, Sun.s, Holidays, and days of no scheduled activities (DONSA's).

Pro-Shop. Save money at the Silver Wings Golf Course Pro-Shop, with great deals on all current golfing apparel and equipment. Golfers can also purchase daily or annual green fees, as well as rent clubs and carts at the Pro Shop. All rental equipment must be returned by dusk.

Pro Shop

Hours of Operation

Everyday 6:30 a.m.-dusk

Divots Restaurant and Grille

Hours of Operation

Mon. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Weekends & holidays 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

With the 2008 renovation of Divots, comes the ability, not only to give the golfer the full experience, but also allows us to book weddings, receptions, conferences and other special occasions year round. Our bar area seats up to 76 people, and welcomes patrons to experience an impressive lunch or bar menu. Our flat screen televisions add a great atmosphere. The banquet room seats up to 150 people. We are proud of our top-notch facility and look forward to serving you.



Unmanned Aircraft Systems Center of Excellence (UAS CoE)

The UAS CoE, as the Army UAS Proponent's principle Management Agency, provides intensive, centralized total capacity management and integration of all DOTMLPF considerations. The CoE coordinates with all Army institutional and operational organizations, Joint and other DoD agencies as required, to achieve a coherent and sustainable UAS strategy fostering the development of relevant and responsive concepts for current, emerging and future UAS interoperability with all manned and unmanned platforms. Call 255-0672 or 255-0736 for more information.

U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory

The U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory, one of six research laboratories within the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, was established at Fort Rucker in 1962 to accomplish research in support of Army aviation and airborne activities, and to provide a central aeromedical research and reference library. Its mission today has expanded to focus on the mounted warrior. It encompasses visual systems research, helicopter crash injury research, helmet impact and retention testing, flight performance research, aeromedical evacuation equipment testing, aircrew hearing protection and

communications research, and cognitive modeling and workload assessment.

The Laboratory's highly skilled workforce is predominately civilian and consists of rated aviators, physicians, doctoral and masters level researchers, and skilled technicians. USAARL researchers seek to enhance force effectiveness by preventing or minimizing health hazards created by military systems, doctrine and tactics. Specifically, they identify, investigate, and solve medical and health-related problems that deter Soldiers/Aviators from performing their mission or

compromise their safety.

Co-location with the U.S. Army Aviation Warfighting Center allows the USAARL's unique mix of scientific personnel to successfully conduct critical research for solving operational medicine problems and to provide military developers with information and expertise to enhance the performance and safety of future Army systems.

Research assets include: NUH-60FS research flight simulator, JUH-60A helicopter, anechoic chamber, multi-axis ride simulator, freefall helmet drop tower, fabrication shop, fully-equipped sleep laboratories, electromagnetic interference (EMI) chamber, shaker table, fully-equipped



A Raven (RQ-11) unmanned aircraft system is hand-launched by a Soldier.

audiology laboratory, and world-class aeromedical research/reference library.

Through research, the USAARL preserves and enhances the health, safety, combat effectiveness, and survivability of the Warfighter.

For more information, phone 255-6907.

Aviation Technical Test Center

The Aviation Technical Test Center, an element of Developmental Test Command and the Army Test and Evaluation Command, is located at Cairns Army Airfield, Fort Rucker and at Redstone Army Airfield, Ala.

ATTC is chartered to conduct developmental flight-testing and airworthiness qualification of airborne systems by planning and conducting testing of manned and unmanned aviation platforms and associated systems; analyzing data; and reporting findings. To facilitate warfighting success, ATTC develops recommendations for airworthiness, system safety, and materiel release decision authorities and provides continuing test and test support services throughout the acquisition, modernization, and sustainment life cycle of materiel.

The Test Center's cadre of experimental test pilots, flight test engineers, and technicians work with a fleet of test and test support aircraft to provide its customers complete developmental flight test and test support services.

Testing focuses on air vehicle performance; handling qualities; flight characteristics; performance; reliability; maintainability; maintenance; and safety. Flight testing also involves the assessment of aviation life support equipment, armament, avionics, countermeasures, ground support, targeting, and flight simulator systems. ATTC also provides aircraft and pilot support to other entities for the purpose of research and development tests, including electromagnetic environmental effects and captive flight.

ATTC maintains a fleet of test bed, and test support aircraft, including AH-64A/D, UH/HH-60A/L/M, CH-47D/F, OH-58D, UH-1H, C-12 & T-34C, and Shadow UAS, representing nearly all of the Army's fielded aviation systems.

ATTC has a unique testing asset in the Helicopter Icing Spray System (HISS), which consists of an internally mounted 1,800 gallon water tank and external spray boom assembly installed on a modified CH-47D Chinook helicopter. The HISS is utilized for icing and water intrusion testing.

When specific test capabilities or climatic conditions are required, ATTC test teams conduct tests at remote sites located throughout the United States.

Phone ATTC at (888) 838-1306 or (334) 255-8000; DSN: 558.

Army National Guard Multimedia Branch

The MultiMedia Branch is under the operational control of Army Aviation and Safety Division Chief, Army National Guard, and the military control of Headquarters, State Area Command, Alabama Army National Guard.

MMB began operations in 1973 with the mission to manage a learning center network within the ARNG aviation program.

MMB's role is to provide a national support program for Army National Guard aviation and safety programs.

With complete in-house video production facilities, audio, photographic, and graphic capabilities, MMB can produce nationwide broadcasts via satellite through a state-of-the-art studio.

Call 255-3848 for more information.

Army Research Institute Aviation R & D Activity

The Army Research Institute (ARI) Rotary-Wing Aviation Research Unit at Fort Rucker is a part of the Army Research Institute for the Behavioral and Social Sciences located in Alexandria, Virginia.

RWARU conducts aircrew and aviation staffing training research to support Army Aviation in both the institutional and operational environments, and aircrew performance research to support R&D agencies.

Current research is focused in three areas that support a variety of aviation organizations: evaluate expanded use of simulators, develop functional requirements for networked flight simulators and training, and help develop a training system for Army Aviation.

Research facilities include AH-64 and RWARU fabricated OH-58D; a TH-67 simulator and an intelligent primary flight trainer; and an internal emulation of the distributed interactive simulation network.

These facilities, housed in Bldg. 5100, are known as the Simulator Training Research Advanced Testbed for Aviation (STRATA). STRATA has fiber optic network links to other USAAWC facilities such as the Aviation Test Bed (Bldg. 5101), the AH-64 Combat Mission Simulators (Bldg. 5102), and the Air Maneuver Battle Lab (Bldg. 5000).

This network allows the RWARU to participate in USAAWC collective training exercises and to support research on issues related to Force XXI aviation training and combat developments.

Call 255-2834 for more information

Aviation Center Logistics Command

The Aviation Center Logistics Command provides aviation maintenance and supply support to USAAWC.

Previously the Aircraft Logistics Management Division, a staff agency belonging to the Directorate of Logistics, ALMD was transferred to the Aviation Training Brigade in February 2002. ALMD was placed under the operational control of the Aviation and Missile Command (AMCOM), Huntsville, in February 2003.

During the first six months of 2004, the Aviation Center flew more than 131,000 hours using eight different fleets of aircraft. Each hour of flying time required from six to 40 hours of maintenance performed under contract by the Army Fleet Support at Fort Rucker.

For more information, phone 255-2400.

Aviation Branch Safety Office

The Aviation Branch Safety Office serves as the technical adviser for safety issues relating to the command and the Aviation Branch. The office establishes and implements plans, policies, and procedures, as well as developing accident prevention programs and teaching leadership courses, to make sure Fort Rucker is a safe place to live and work.

ABSO provides technical assistance in accident investigations. The office also conducts assistance and evaluation visits to aviation units worldwide to monitor safety performance.

For more information, call 255-3000.

U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center

To prevent the loss of America's most valuable assets - its sons and daughters - and to conserve our material resources, the Army operates one of the largest, most comprehensive safety programs in the world.

The program is designed to create safe air and ground operations and to promote safe practices by military and civilian personnel on and off duty.

The mission of the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center, located in the Conrad Safety Complex on 5th Ave., is to enhance combat readiness through leader engagement at all echelons and proactive Composite Risk Management.

The USACRC administers Army safety programs and helps Commanders, Leaders and Soldiers to have the knowledge, tools and skills to apply safety and CRM to all areas of their lives, both on and off duty.

Safety is recognized as a commander's program, therefore, the USACRC military and civilian staff supports commanders and the Army staff with them with timely, accurate information about hazards, risks and controls they can use to make informed risk decisions.

The USACRC's mission and vision:

1. Operate as the knowledge center for Army accidental loss in order to reduce the loss of personnel and equipment.
2. To collect, analyze and communicate accident loss



U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center Provides tools to keep our nation's warfighters safe.

information across the force; providing a catalyst for change.

3. To be the Army's Cultural Change Agent by advancing the principles, understanding and the successful application of CRM and Leading on the Edge.

The USACRC operates a wide variety of multimedia communication tools including the production of the Army's official safety magazine, Knowledge. Knowledge provides valuable, timely information on safety initiatives and information in aviation, ground and off-duty activities. For more information, visit the USACRC Web site at <https://crc.army.mil>

23d Flying Training Squadron Air Education and Training Command

The 23d Flying Training Squadron (FTS) conducts Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training-Helicopter (SUPT-H).

This squadron is the U.S. Air Force's primary source of helicopter pilots for special operations, combat search and rescue, missile support, and distinguished visitor airlift missions.

The 23d develops and coordinates flying syllabi, academic lessons, and operating instructions for the SUPT-H.

Phone 255-1680 for more information.

Detachment 5, Air Mobility Command Air Operations Squadron

Detachment 5, Air Mobility Command Air Operations Squadron, U.S. Air Force, oversees the Standardization and Evaluation for the USAF and DOD C-12C/D training program.

Flight training is accomplished by Flight Safety International at their Dothan and Daleville facilities. Detachment 5 evaluator pilots evaluate contractors and graduating students.

For more information, call 255-8609.

U.S. Army Warrant Officer Career College

The mission of the Warrant Officer Career College (WOCC) is to educate and train warrant officer candidates and selected senior warrant officers at key points in their career. It serves as the TRADOC Center of Excellence for U.S. Army warrant officer professional and leadership development.

Functionally, WOCC serves as TRADOC's executive agent for all common-core warrant officer training issues; oversees the Warrant Officer Education System; develops and administers the Warrant Officer Candidate School, Warrant Officer Staff, and Warrant Officer Senior Staff Courses; coordinates the common-core elements of the Warrant Officer Basic and Advanced Courses with HQDA agencies, TRADOC, and branch proponent offices; and is a vital participant in the accreditation process for warrant officer training.

The Warrant Officer Candidate School (WOCS) is the sole source of appointment for all U.S. Army Warrant Officers. Training, Advising, and Counseling (TAC) officers, with academic instructors, evaluate each candidate's potential to become an Army Warrant Officer, while simultaneously training and mentoring each Warrant Officer Candidate with the needed tools for a successful career as an officer.

Warrant Officer Staff Course -- A four-week course attended by senior CW3s and newly promoted CW4s selected for attendance. The course is designed to enhance leadership development by using communication, decision making, and analytical problem solving skills.

Warrant Officer Senior Staff Course -- A two-week course attended by senior warrant officers selected for promotion



Warrant Officer Candidate classes hold carwash fundraisers for various post charities.

to CW5. This course, the capstone course in the Warrant Officer Education System, emphasizes contemporary and Future Force issues, by focusing on developments in threat, doctrine, force structure, base structure, equipment, and policy updates.

Phone 255-3869 for more information.

Army Corps of Engineers

The Army Corps of Engineers Fort Rucker Resident Engineer Office provides engineering and environmental services to the Directorate of Public Works.

They design and manage construction for homes, schools, hospitals, day care centers, office buildings, airfields, hangars, training ranges, and warehouses.

Coordinating with DPW, the Corps of Engineers manage the repair and renovation of existing facilities and the maintenance of numerous other facilities.

Call 255-3444 for more information.



Soldiers assist Enterprise community after 2007 tornado.